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FROM THE FOLDING CHAIRS George Wheeler sat down to talk about his life, public service and potholes before he died Feb. 5. JACK DURHAM | UNION

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MCSD to buy Pialorsi Dairy

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District is buying a roughly 80-acre ranch that it plans to use for the disposal of treated wastewater.



Greg Orsini

The MCSD Board of Directors voted unanimously Feb. 5 to enter into a purchase agreement to acquire what was once known as the Pialorsi Dairy. It includes a house, barn and milking parlor and is located on the south end of town near the Hammond Trail Bridge.

The d-shaped property includes land west of Fischer Road between MCSD's Fischer Ranch and the Mad River. The property is bordered by the river to the south, U.S. Highway 101 to the east and the Whitemire Avenue/Stapp Road/Anderson Avenue neighborhood to the north.

The district will pay owner Dolores Pialorsi about \$1.3 million for the property. The district plans to obtain financing for the purchase and will use Sewer Department funds to pay down the debt.

The Pialorsi property is located adjacent to the MCSD's Fischer Ranch, an 80-acre property southwest of the corner of School and Fischer roads. It's used for reclamation.

The district releases treated wastewater in the Mad River under the Hammond Bridge, but is only allowed to do so in the

PIALORSI ♦ A6

MCSD pursues solar micro-grid

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MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District plans to build its own electrical micro-grid in an effort to power its sewer plant and save money.

The MCSD Board of Directors voted unanimously Feb. 5 to enter into a nearly \$2 million contract with Ameresco to design and build a giant solar array with battery storage and associated equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Hiller Park. The contract includes \$12,000 a year for nine years of operation and maintenance.

MCSD Manager Greg Orsini said that the array may be designed to produce roughly .6 to .8 megawatts a day. The microgrid would include battery storage and would be connected with a diesel generator, used in emergencies.

The goal, Orsini said, is for the sewer plant to reach net zero, meaning it would produce as much energy as it consumes. The goal is to have the system pay itself off in about 10 years.

Ameresco will start designing the project and it will likely be built sometime in 2021. Before that happens the district will hold public hearings on the design and location of the solar array.

Orsini said it is possible that part of the solar array will take a portion of the dog park at Hiller Park.

Vets Hall drama: chef leaves, members chastised

Hall lacks food permits, biz license; nonprofit status in question; press ouster attempted

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The Arcata Veterans Memorial Building appears awash in problems after a week of conflict and strife at the historic J Street building.

Plans for an in-house restaurant have collapsed amid revelations that the hall's kitchen lacks necessary permits from the city and county. Despite this, the kitchen has since at least 2016 been used to prepare meals for the public and marketed to food vendors for commercial rental. The kitchen manager/chef left last Wednesday on sour terms.

Friday's monthly meeting of American Legion Post 274 ended abruptly when this reporter, a Legionnaire who also serves as the post's historian, refused to cease news gathering.

Post 274 also apparently lacks a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number.

Online IRS records show the Legion post's EIN revoked on May 15, 2018. This is typically done after three consecutive years of failing to file a required Form 990 notice. No reinstatement is listed.

An EIN is required for nonprofits to accept tax deductible donations. If not a valid nonprofit, that could bear on the legality of any tax deductions taken by re-



TENSE MEETING Commander Jeff Sterling at the podium during last Friday's Legion meeting. KLH | UNION

cent hall donors. The Legion also lacks a City of Arcata business license for its onsite activities. According to city records, Post 274 has a current business license, but only for off-site functions such as booths on the Plaza during special events.

The current, limited license was taken out specifically for last year's 4th of July Jubilee. A license covering the building would have been automatically granted had that box on the form been checked, but it wasn't.

Nonprofit organizations are required to have business licenses, which they may obtain at no cost.

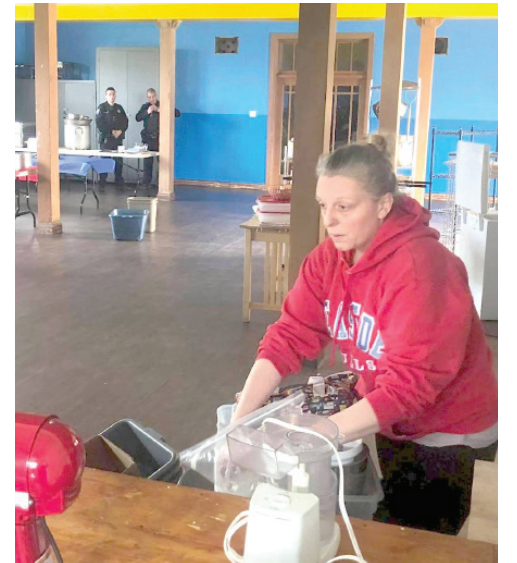
14th and J Cafe – not happening

The planned, celebrated and oft-delayed opening of a PastaLuego successor restaurant at the Vets Hall is not to be.

Last Wednesday, PastaLuego owner Nicole "Coco" Maki removed her cooking equipment from the Vets Hall kitchen, under the watchful gaze of two Arcata Police officers there on civil standby, called there at her request.

A since-deleted post on the Vets Hall Facebook page announced the end of the

VETS HALL ♦ A4



PACK OUT Nicole Maki packs up with APD officers standing by. KLH | UNION

Unsafe firearm shooting in county's crosshairs

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – "Bullets whizzing by" was the term of the day as Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors considered expanding firearm discharge bans.

Complaints about gunshot noise and unsafe firing of guns triggered a discussion on increased regulations at the Feb. 4 supervisors meeting.

Sponsored by Supervisors Virginia Bass and Mike Wilson, the discussion led to the board's directing staff to develop new regulation proposals.

The Samoa Peninsula area and the greater area including Manila are of concern but Wilson said the issue "isn't about one particular area of Humboldt County" because "I get complaints and I think we all get complaints related to people feeling safe in their neighborhoods and also when they're out recreating."

Wilson said the problem is considered to be limited to target shooting, as hunting "has its own set of regulations associated with it."

He added that new regulations wouldn't affect established shooting ranges like the Redwood Gun Club in the greater Arcata/Manila area, which are already well-regulated.

Supervisor Steve Madrone said he's

gotten many shooting-related complaints from McKinleyville residents but added that there are also those who want to use firearms in rural areas nearby.

"I support the rights of people who want to do that but the important thing is to recognize that with all rights comes that other 'r' – responsibility," he continued.

He said gets many complaint calls

SHOOTING ♦ A7



Steve Madrone

Coronavirus risk low here

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's Public Health director has said that the county – and the country – are at very low risk of coronavirus infections but the situation is being closely monitored.

The risks and notification procedures of local incidence of coronavirus were discussed at a Feb. 6 press conference in Eureka.

Public Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said that although about 28,000 cases of infection had been confirmed in China, the newly-emerged virus's origin country, there have been only 12 cases in the U.S., six in California and none in Humboldt County.

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Former MCSD director worked for community up until the end

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MCKINLEYVILLE – Community leader George Wheeler, who championed for a skate park, solar power and pesticide-free parks in McKinleyville, died early Wednesday morning, Feb. 5 surrounded by family. He was 70 years old.

Wheeler died from diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. “It’s in my bones, it’s in my brain,” Wheeler said during an interview Jan. 29, a week before his death. The McKinleyville resident said this was his sixth and final battle with cancer. His first bout was in 2000.

“This old boy is checking out,” Wheeler said as he sat in his living room, his dog Violet sprawled on the floor nearby, a fire flickering in a wood stove. “It could be a few days, it could be a few weeks.”

Although facing the end of his life, Wheeler didn’t wallow in self pity. He was upbeat, gregarious and enthusiastic about projects he was working on to improve McKinleyville. “Yeah, why not,” he said about his continued activism.

Wheeler had just taken photos of potholes on Ocean Drive and had emailed them to Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone in hopes that the Public Works would remedy the situation. He had recently worked with friend Johnny Calkins to help Arcata House lease a vacant home in the neighborhood to house a family in need. “I made that happen,” said Wheeler, who wanted to focus his final interview on his public service. He was brimming with ideas, and eager to talk about ways to improve McKinleyville.

Not long ago, he noticed a fence down on School Road and called McKinleyville Community Services District Manager Greg Orsini about the situation. “The next day the boys were out fixing it,” Wheeler said.

Wheeler was twice elected to the MCSD, first in November 2013, and again in November 2018. But while Wheeler was running for his second term, the cancer returned, forcing him to resign before he could be sworn in.

At the time, Wheeler said that serving on the board “has



FINAL INTERVIEW George Wheeler laughed and smiled during his final interview. At 6:29 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, hours before he died, Wheeler texted a photo, right, of potholes on Ocean Drive to a Union reporter. Wheeler wanted the photo printed in the Union to draw attention to the problem.



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been one of the more educational and rewarding endeavors in my life. It is with great regret that I am unable to continue.”

The MCSD Board of Directors began its Feb. 5 meeting with a moment of silence for Wheeler.

“George was a great inspiration to me and many other people in the community,” said MCSD Board President Mary Burke.

During the Jan. 29 interview, Wheeler said “I absolutely love being a director” because of “the ability to have a vote – one of five – on things I consider important for McKinleyville.”

“I came too late to public service,” Wheeler said. “I wish I had discovered the MCSD 20 years ago, 30 years ago.”

While running for the MCSD in the fall of 2018, Wheeler wrote “The job of director pays the fantastic salary of \$125/month. Dividing by the hours invested and the nice suits for public occasions... I’ve lost money, but gained a sense of community that was lacking in my life, during the years it was all about work, bills, kids, more work and more bills. It sits well with me that my service to this community, in a small way, repays the debt for providing a wonderful place to raise five kids. It’s been a great ride.”

Wheeler, who grew up surfing in Southern California, was passionate about the need for a skate park in McKinleyville, a project that may come to fruition later this year. He also pushed for the district to install solar panels, another project that’s in the works. Wheeler said he was also proud of the district’s integrated pest management plan, which helps keep McKinleyville parks pesticide free.

Wheeler said he wanted the MCSD to develop river-front property it owns near North Bank Road and Azalea Avenue with a trail, so families can hang out on the Mad River, go swimming and fish.

Wheeler ran for office as a representative of people “from

In a text message sent at 5:48 a.m. this morning, Feb. 5, Jennifer Wheeler announced her husband’s death: “Our beloved George passed away a few hours ago. He was with family and it went as beautifully and with as much love as possible.”

In the Jan. 29 interview, George Wheeler spoke about the stages of grief, mentioning denial, bargaining and depression. “Jennifer and I have worked through that, and I think we’re in acceptance,” he said.

Wheeler was born in La Jolla on July 17, 1949 and graduated from Mount Miguel High School in 1967. He joined the U.S. Marines and served “two years, one month and four days,” Wheeler said. He served in Vietnam and saw combat, a topic he preferred not to discuss.

Wheeler worked for the Del Mar Post Office in Southern California from 1969 to 1984. Wheeler then decided to pursue higher education.

“I came to Humboldt in 1985 and fell in love with this place,” Wheeler said.

Wheeler studied business, obtaining a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. He worked as an associate professor at Humboldt State. He was a systems analyst and said he was one of the first professors at HSU with his own website. Wheeler also worked in construction, building and repairing homes throughout Humboldt County. He called himself a handyman.

Wheeler is survived by his wife Jennifer, five children and three grandchildren.

“That’s what I’m proudest of. When I look back on my life, it’s not my work, it’s my kids. That’s the most important thing I’ve done,” Wheeler said. “I have no complaints. God’s been good to me.”

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HUMBOLDT – The North Coast Growers’ Association is excited to announce its merger with the Southern Humboldt Farmers’ Market Association. Starting in 2020 the Garberville, Shelter Cove and Miranda farmers’ markets will join NCGA’s other successful markets under the umbrella of NCGA as the operator.

NCGA is a 501 c 3 non profit organization with the primary mission to operate certified farmers’ markets for the benefit of both producers and consumers, to promote awareness of and support for farmers’ markets, to work with other direct marketing associations to share resources and improve market management, to educate consumers, and to promote and improve access to local agricultural products for the community.

NCGA and the Southern Humboldt Association both operate with a

member-driven vision wherein vendor-members make decisions collectively, shaping the operations of the organization and the farmers’ markets.

The NCGA membership voted with an overwhelming majority in support of merging on Nov. 6 at the bi-annual NCGA membership meeting in Bay-side.

NCGA will provide all administrative support for the southern Humboldt markets out of its Arcata office, while maintaining a transition committee of volunteer members who will ensure the unique characteristics of each community market are valued and maintained.

“This move is exciting because it brings together ag producers from across the county, and allows NCGA to share its resources and provide help to Southern Humboldt farmers’ markets which will benefit everyone across Humboldt County” says Ginger

Sarvinski of Sarvinski Family Farm in Pepperwood and past NCGA president.

The Garberville market was founded in 1994 and has thrived under tremendous support from the local community. The market takes place Fridays on the beautiful Town Square at Church and Locusts streets in downtown Garberville.

Shelter Cove market takes place each Tuesday at Mario’s Motel and Marina from May through October.

NCGA is now the operator of all Certified Farmers’ Markets in Humboldt County. A number of independent markets and farm stands continue to operate in various communities.

For a full listing of Certified Farmers’ Markets, community markets, farm stands and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms as well as a directory of all farmers’ market vendors please visit northcoast-growersassociation.org.

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GLITZ AND GLAMOUR Arcata's historic Minor Theatre was awash in Hollywood Sunday afternoon during the Red Carpet Awards Celebration of that night's Academy Awards. Above left, emcee William Toblerone with Sansu (aka The Absynth Trio). Right, event photographer Mark McKenna, caterer Brett Shuler and Minor Theatre owner Josh Neff. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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Vets Hall | Appears to be operating without multiple required permits

✦ **FROM A1**

arrangement, stating that the hall had to “change direction” with regard to the kitchen’s volunteer leadership. The post said that “Nicole Maki is no longer that person. It is unfortunate that she chose a different direction, we thank her for her short time she was with us and wish her luck in her future.”

For her part, Maki also vagueposted, thanking American Legion Post 274 Commander Jeff Sterling, who runs the hall, though not by name. “While I truly appreciated being a part of bringing the kitchen back to life, it became very obvious that My business, Pasta Luego to go, needs a majority of my time.”

Were the separation as amicable as the posts indicate, two APD officers wouldn’t have had to assert a calming presence Wednesday afternoon while Maki removed her possessions from the county-owned hall’s downstairs kitchen, and loaded them into a waiting U-Haul truck outside.

The events capped an increasingly tense dispute between Maki and Sterling over their well-publicized arrangement, under which she would operate the hall’s kitchen on behalf of the Legion Auxiliary.

The “14th and J Café “ as it was tentatively called, was to serve veteran functions such as luncheons and dinners, but also offer restaurant fare to the public. Recently, the hall kitchen was in the news as a possible site for feeding hungry Arcata High students.

The developing kitchen operation and its hoped-for revenue stream has been key to improving the hall’s difficult financial situation. “We’re taking on water,” Sterling told attendees at the January American Legion meeting. “We need to fundraise.”

But according to Maki, relations began to break down between her and Sterling in December, as disputes over hall management – most of them related only off the record – grew increasingly bitter.

Maki said she was paid just \$900 since the November closure of PastaLuego in Jacoby’s Storehouse – \$300 of it in cash. She said Sterling later told her that the payments had been for purchase of her kitchen equipment. But she said she hadn’t agreed to sell her culinary gear, which she retrieved Feb. 5.

Sterling confirmed that Maki had no contract for employment, stating that she was “volunteering and trying to sell things.” He said she was paid an additional \$1,000 cash.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, an environmental food scientist from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) inspected the facility to ascertain its adequacy for wholesale food preparation. The aged kitchen’s antiquated fixtures and storage practices failed on several counts, requiring repair and remediation before it may be used for wholesale production.

The vendor who’d hoped to use the kitchen, Louise Zuleger of Marie Louise’s Gourmet Seasonings and Finishing Salts, said the failed inspection cost her \$500. She and Maki since applied to use the Foodworks Culinary Center in Aldergrove Industrial Park as an alternative.

Zuleger said the state inspector told her that when he arrived at the hall last Thursday, he went to Sterling’s office, located just off the front lobby. The CDPH official told him that he was there to inspect the kitchen, according to Zuleger, but Sterling told him there was no kitchen at the hall.

The inspector then called Zuleger and learned that the kitchen was downstairs and around the corner, so he proceeded there to conduct the inspection.

Sterling denied telling the state inspector that there is no kitchen at the hall. He said he told him that he knew of no renter named “Marie Louise’s Gourmet Seasonings and Finishing Salts” because he hadn’t been involved in that rental.

When the subsequent inspection turned up multiple dealbreaking issues, Zuleger said the inspector told her that any businesses who had used the non-compliant kitchen were in violation and would be cited. (*Read the inspector’s report at [madriverriverunion.com](#).*)

Maki said she recently learned that the hall kitchen hasn’t been inspected by Humboldt County Environmental Health and has no county health permit. That would disallow more than three meals to be offered to the public within a 90-day period. The kitchen may still be used to prepare food for internal hall functions.

Nonetheless, the hall has held frequent food-serving events and invited the public, including “Warrior’s Lunches” as well as dinners, including its “Little Italy” nights and recent “New Year’s Eve Pre-Game Bash.” That event was advertised on the Vets Hall Facebook page with the pitch, “Our house chef will be making pizza and we will also have an all you can eat nacho table. Pizza is \$10 and nacho table is \$10 per person.”

Sterling insisted Wednesday morning that the kitchen has been inspected and “absolutely” does possess a county health permit.

According to Christine Messenger, county Department of Health & Human Services spokesperson, “The Arcata Vets Hall doesn’t have a retail food permit from our Division of Environmental Health. We have not inspected the kitchen.”

The health permit would have been required for Maki’s 14th and J Café to open to the public on any regular basis, as would a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City of Arcata.

But it doesn’t look like any official permit-

ting was being sought for the restaurant. The city’s Community Development department has no record of any CUP application.

Wednesday afternoon, Sterling revised his remarks on the county permit claim, stating that he had been referring to a state CDPH permit he said was issued last year to another wholesale kitchen renter, Angry Chiles, a local hot sauce manufacturer.

On top of all this, the hall’s alcohol-serving license through the state Alcoholic Beverage Control agency is in some jeopardy following complaints from neighbors over noise and visual impacts from hall activities.

An ABC hearing was held last week in Eureka, and a decision as to whether to allow continued alcohol service at the hall’s downstairs canteen will be rendered within 30 days. Along with the kitchen, the canteen has also been developed as a major revenue generator for the hall.

Sterling said he’s in talks with a veteran who has culinary experience to take over the kitchen operation.

Maki, who had been set to assume leadership of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit – Arcata 274, now says she is taking a leave of absence from the organization.

Meanwhile, back at the still-vacant shop where PastaLuego was located in Jacoby’s Storehouse, more disappointing news surfaced this week: Frankie’s NY Bagels, who’d hoped to open a branch there, won’t be doing so. Managing co-owner Bill Chino said another business is in the queue and ready to initiate move-in at the spot.

Monthly Legion meeting

Friday night’s monthly meeting of American Legion Post 274 saw attempts by Sterling to tamp down the growing chaos and controversy enveloping the hall.

Gaveled to order at the crack of 6:17 p.m., the 20 or so attendees – Legionnaires and guest members of the public – said the usual prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A sanguine financial report by Assistant Treasurer Phillip Nicklas found “more than enough” income from donors, fundraisers, rentals and the downstairs bar to cover hall expenses, with some cutback on building maintenance and travel expenses. Especially helpful has been volunteer labor by members and others.

Sterling then reported that due to “unforeseen circumstances,” Maki had departed and that “our kitchen is no longer with us.”

He then announced that Legion Auxiliary Unit – Arcata 274, which was meeting in another room, would join the Legionnaires later in the evening for a joint meeting to address violations of the Code of Conduct – copies of which had been handed out – under which both groups operate.

Referring to the code, Sterling said, “That’s what it means to be a member. We have guidelines and rules and regulations that we follow.” He said that “on the Auxiliary side of the house, the ownership, the leadership somewhere along the line, they forgot why they’re here.”

As the meeting wore on, Maki was portrayed as the bad actor in the imbroglio, blamed both for failing to take the initiative on kitchen matters, and for having done so.

Regarding the kitchen, Sterling said that, “We have not done any resale for commercial use,” he said. “If we wanted to be an operational kitchen, there’s procedures that you have go through that I was working on, and was expecting Nicole to spearhead. Unfortunately, that didn’t happen.”

However, at press time, the Arcata Veterans Group website still advertised the hall’s “commercial kitchen” with rental rates listed “for any event that needs good food.” Sterling said he hadn’t had a chance to research the matter, but that the website would be revised.

He said he wanted to refocus on the members-only canteen (bar) and on resolving complaints by neighbors which had been discussed at the previous week’s ABC hearing. He said he was optimistic that the ABC administrative law judge would re-approve the canteen’s liquor license.

Legionnaire and bar manager Ron Bledsoe reported fruitful discussions with a neighbor who had complained, whose issue could be easily resolved by addition of a curtain to the canteen window.

Sterling again said that kitchen renter Angry Chiles had passed a CDPH inspection last June. Aniza Liming, owner of Angry Chiles, confirmed this. But, she said, no state inspection of the kitchen itself had taken place.

“The inspection was towards my acidified food canning license,” Liming said. “The CDPH inspector must have assumed that the kitchen itself was licensed. She was basically there to inspect me, my product and production process.”

Said Liming, “I found it online under ‘Arcata certified kitchens’, and one can only assume that whoever runs it has all the licensing and is compliant.”

Sterling said he hadn’t approved the previous week’s inspection for Zuleger’s specialty salt business. “The person that was in our kitchen tried to commit fraud by allowing an illegal action to happen,” he said.

Bledsoe said “miscommunications and outright falsehoods” had been reported by the *Mad River Union*. “The person who scheduled the health inspection [Zuleger] did not have permission to use our kitchen,” he said.

Contradicting Sterling’s earlier version of the most recent CDPH inspection, Bledsoe stated that, “The health inspector himself, Jeff did not talk to, nor did he ever come to the office.” He said he had told the inspector that Zuleger wasn’t authorized to use the kitchen.

He said that Maki had attempted to sub-let the hall’s kitchen to Zuleger without Sterling’s permission. Sterling said the matter would be discussed with Auxiliary members as a New Business item later in the meeting.

“This is our home,” Sterling said. “This is our building, this is here for us.” He noted that November 11 marks the 90th year of Vets Hall operations. “That’s impressive,” he said.

“I want to see this foster and grow,” he said. “I’ll be damned if I’ll let someone take it from me.” That statement gained hearty applause.

“That being said,” he continued, “I’m concerned about our Auxiliary. I’m concerned about the behavior and the Code of Conduct and their level of professionalism. I’m concerned that they’re not here to help us. I’m concerned they’re trying to take us down from within.”

He singled out as an example a comment on the *Mad River Union*’s Facebook page made by Auxiliary Chaplain Laya Clark, which accused unnamed hall leaders of “defrauding multiple renters” by claiming that the kitchen was licensed, and for allegedly telling the CDPH inspector that the hall had no kitchen.

“I don’t feel my comment is out of line,” Clark later said. “The truth will come out.”

“That doesn’t seem that she’s here for us,” Sterling said. He claimed that Clark had contacted “department headquarters” and said that the Auxiliary wanted Sterling’s ousted as commander.

“I have 150 veterans that voted me in,” Sterling said. “Do you want to see me removed and reprimanded as commander?” This elicited multiple “no” comments.

“So what do we do about this?” he asked. He suggested that Clark be punished by being suspended from Legion functions and use of the canteen for a year. “We cannot tear apart ourselves in our own house,” he said. “And we can’t have one of our support [sic] tear us apart.”

Sergeant At Arms Logan Sutherland quoted the Auxiliary’s official role to “advance the mission” of the Legion, calling Clark’s comment “a violation.”

A Legionnaire identified as a former commander asked whether Clark’s “foggy accusations” would be “aired in person” later in the meeting. Sterling replied that the Auxiliary would join the meeting later.

“So all of this is going to be transcribed, above board and open book and we can sniff out the bullshit ourselves?” the past commander asked. Sterling replied in the affirmative.

Sterling acknowledged that he can’t directly discipline the Auxiliary, which is a separate nonprofit organization. But, he said, he could control their access to Legion functions and the canteen. He said he’d speak to Auxiliary President Alison Robbins about internal discipline, “but I would like us to have a plan ourselves.”

Other members said that Auxiliary members had made several comments that reflect poorly on the Legion in recent months. One said that “misguided” Auxiliary members were “maybe trying to take over leadership of this post from the Auxiliary, which is very strange.”

Sterling said he was unclear on the Auxiliary’s leadership and direction, but that “they’re here to support us.”

“Nicole put a lot of bad tastes in mouths of certain individuals,” he said. “It’s unfortunate that some of them listened to it.”

Asked who the leader of the Auxiliary is, Sterling replied “I’m the commander!”

An unidentified Legionnaire then expressed strong support for Sterling. He said that Maki had “tried to undermine him,” and that she had told him, “it was her post, not Jeff’s post.” He cast Maki as a “known troublemaker” within the community who had caused problems with the Arcata Farmers Market, Arcata Police, and the City Council.

“I knew she was trouble,” the man said. He said the *Union*’s initial story on the matter was “slanted completely one sided.”

Legion Judge Advocate Ted Alton defended the story and its writer. “You can’t shoot the messenger,” he said.

Sutherland said there was a need to repair the Legion’s image with the community and suggested a free community event such as a pancake breakfast.

“We are not doing anything in our kitchen,” Sterling said. “I’m worried about this chile lady.” He said the kitchen could only serve members.

Sterling also said that he hadn’t yet seen the CDPH inspection report, though it was unclear which one he was referring to – Zuleger’s or Liming’s. Zuleger’s is posted with the initial story at *madriverriverunion.com*.

Sterling then called for a 10-minute recess, after which the Auxiliary would be brought in for the Code of Conduct review.

Not discussed at the meeting before or after the break was any possible legal liability or financial exposure stemming from the hall’s lack of permits. Nor was there any discussion about obtaining them.

During the break, Sutherland asked this reporter what his role at the meeting is – historian or journalist. He was told that it was as both historian and journalist.

Sutherland said that this reporter had to choose between being a Legion member and a journalist. “I’m going to be a journalist, but

I don’t see where that’s exclusive to being a Legion member,” Sutherland was told.

He said a lot of members were uncomfortable with a reporter being in the room and deserved not to be misquoted, and to be able to decide whether or not to participate in the meeting with a reporter present. Sutherland asked this reporter to announce his presence as a newspaper reporter, and this was immediately agreed upon.

When the meeting resumed, this reporter told members that he was there taking notes for a story – as he has done routinely and without objection since 2017 – which would be in the next edition of the *Union*.

Judge Advocate Alton was asked to rule on the appropriateness of a reporter being present. He said he couldn’t make a definitive ruling, but noted that the reporter is a Legion member. “I’m not sure we want to say, ‘OK, take off journalist’s hat or leave.’”

Contradicting his earlier agreement that the Code of Conduct discussion with the Auxiliary would be open, he then said that it would be off the record, and not reported.

Another member said that it was “extremely disturbing that there’s a member of the press or a journalist” in attendance. “Are they here as a member or as somebody doing a hot story on the dirt in town?”

Adjutant Joel Gorber made a motion to expel members of the media from the meeting “because I’m not comfortable with it.” The motion was quickly seconded by a member Sterling later identified as Doc Ray. Ray had declined to identify himself as the seconder. Told that this reporter was the post historian, he said, “that’s fine, it doesn’t have anything to do with history at this point.”

“Our dirty laundry is not the purview of the public,” Gorber said. “I know that this stuff sells.” He said that newspapers are “filled with bullshit.”

Sutherland cautioned speakers not to use profanity with guests – which included children – present.

Auxiliary President Robbins was asked for her recommendation. She said the post could act in accordance with its by-laws.

Another member said that the Legion preaches openness and transparency, and that news coverage could be “a benefit to fix what’s been out there.” Added the member, “He’s one of us.”

“He’s not here to slander or berate anybody,” Sutherland said of the reporter. “He told me he wants the facts.”

Sterling said the upcoming portion of the discussion would be “the best place for him to stay.”

An unidentified member suggested that the reporter could stay, as long as what happened wasn’t reported.

“I just want to remind Kevin that we do have a Code of Conduct,” said Chaplain Leonard Shumard.

Ironically, the Code of Professional Conduct instructs “All Legion Members, Officers, Commissioners, Committee Members and Employees of the American Legion Department of California Shall, At All Times,” to “Fully disclose all relevant information that would be material to a particular management or financial decision.”

The Legion Auxiliary Code of Ethics dictates that “The American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary Foundation will provide comprehensive and timely information to the public, the media, and its members, and is responsive to reasonable requests for information.”

Gorber reiterated that he didn’t want “a reporter in the room writing shit down.” He said of journalists, “They’re usually little more than tabloid writers,” citing a *New York Times* story on President Trump.

A subsequent vote of members was 9–4 in favor of closing the reminder of the meeting to the press, or as Sterling put it, “to ask the press to leave.”

Sutherland cautioned the reporter not to take photos in what he called “a private building.”

This reporter told attendees attempts to shut down news reporting in taxpayer-supported public buildings with members of the public present were unlikely to be successful. Sterling was also asked what by-law or other legal basis the expulsion was based upon, since none had been cited.

It was also pointed out that the only form of reporting being prohibited is one with professional standards of balance (which includes mechanisms for correction, criticism and counter-arguments). Not covered by the motion was anyone else who might wish to, for example, write about it on social media, blog about it or even write letters to the editor about it. Only professional journalism was being suppressed.

Sterling said he wanted to hold a “closed door session” to prohibit coverage, but didn’t cite any relevant by-law.

“You should know that I don’t intend to leave or stop taking notes,” this reporter told the gathering.

With that, Sterling abruptly moved to end the meeting. “I want to thank every one of you for every part of this,” he said. “This is us that makes this happen.”

“We’re here to support,” he said. “We’re not here to tear each other down.”

Following Shumard’s closing prayer and solemn recovery of the POW/MIA flag, the meeting ended.

Note: this writer is a member of American Legion Arcata Post 274. – Ed.



AFLOAT The light plane on the bay. U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO

Light plane crashes into Humboldt Bay

U.S. COAST GUARD
EUREKA – The U.S. Coast Guard and partner agencies responded to a plane crash in North Humboldt Bay on Thursday morning, Feb. 6.

At approximately 7:10 a.m., the Eureka Police Department relayed a distress call to Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay watchstanders from a commercial pilot after his plane crashed.

Watchstanders dispatched a Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay 29-foot Response Boat Small boatcrew, a Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew and a small boatcrew from the Coast Guard Cutter Dorado to respond.

Watchstanders also issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast requesting assistance from mariners in the area and notifying them of the hazard to navigation.

At approximately 7:50 a.m., the Dolphin helicopter crew and a Humboldt Bay Port Authority small boat arrived on scene. The small boat recovered the pilot with no reports of any injuries.

“The environment in the Humboldt Bay area can be very unforgiving and dangerous to both boats and aircraft, which is why a strong network of maritime partners is so important,” said Capt. Clint Schlegel, the Sector Humboldt Bay deputy commander. “We are extremely grateful to the Humboldt Bay Port Authority for rescuing the aircraft pilot. In cases like this, every second counts and their actions prevented this incident from taking a tragic turn.”

The pilot was safely transferred to emergency medical services at Woodley Island Marina.

There were no reports of pollution.

Coronavirus | Spurious rumors

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But the virus is active. At the press conference, Frankovich said it had killed 560 people in China and two people in other countries. By the end of the week, the death toll was more than 700 and the number of reported cases swelled to almost 35,000.

Frankovich said the virus's mortality rate is two percent. She said influenza remains “a much bigger risk.”

Frankovich advised residents to take the same precautions that apply to seasonal flu viruses and said her office is closely eyeing the situation.

“Public Health will be monitoring information from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) every day,” she said. “We’re sharing that information with our partners such as the hospitals, health care providers, EMS and schools as we get the information and share it with the community.”

She added, “If a case occurs in this county, we will be notifying people – that’s something we will not delay on.”

Travelers returning from China are being checked by the CDC for symptoms at 11 U.S. airports, including in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The importance of containing the virus was underscored when Frankovich answered a reporter’s question on how coronavirus is spread. “That’s really the 60 million dollar question now because that will determine in large part how big of an issue this will be,” she said.

Airborne diseases such as measles are the most contagious while diseases spread by droplets and secretions “are not as easily spread and tend to be a little more manageable,” Frankovich continued.

She said the disease’s methods of spreading are uncertain, as is its lifespan in the environment. Containment is important because it will “give us time to learn more about the organism, to learn more about how it’s spread and

to develop strategies to decrease spread so we see less of an impact nationally.”

Rumors about viruses can also spread. Earlier this week, false rumors of a coronavirus case in Humboldt had to be addressed and were quickly dispelled. The importance of doing so was emphasized by *Lost Coast Outpost* Editor Hank Sims, who related the *Outpost’s* frustrations in trying to confirm or dismiss the rumors the night they emerged.

“You have assurances from us now – you will know if there’s a case,” Frankovich said.

Lag time between the circulation of rumors and their confirmation or denial “does not quench the fires,” Sims said.

“We’re hoping this quenches the fires and that you guys understand that as soon as we can get actual facts on an actual piece of paper, it is going to go to you as fast as it possibly can,” said Health and Human Services Public Information Officer Heather Muller. “We promise that we are going to send it to you as fast as we possibly can.”

Christian Hill, interim communications director at St. Joseph Hospital, said, “The responsibility for all of us is to ensure that the information that goes out publicly is accurate.”

Specifics on people getting tested for coronavirus won’t be publically disclosed but testing is part of the containment strategy.

“People should be reassured if they hear that there’s testing going on because testing happening in the community indicates that health care providers locally are aware of the situation, are informed about when to test and are not holding back,” said Supervising Public Health Nurse Hava Phillips. “If they’re testing or talking about testing it means that they’re using their resources and that means that this community will be safer because we’re being screened better.”

Meth and ammo overequip duo for library visit

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
WILLOW CREEK – On Monday, Feb. 3 at about 11:50 a.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputy on patrol near the intersection of Highway 96 and Highway 299, in Willow Creek, observed a vehicle reported stolen out of Oregon in the parking lot of the Willow Creek Library.

Upon further investigation, deputies learned that a witness had observed two subjects exit the vehicle and walk toward Creek Side Park. Deputies located the two subjects, later identified as 26-year-old Preston Leigh Allen and 30-year-old Maria Jesus Calderon-Diaz, at Creek Side Park.

While searching the vehicle, deputies located mail addressed to Calderon-Diaz and shaved keys. During a search



Preston Leigh Allen



Maria Jesus Calderon-Diaz

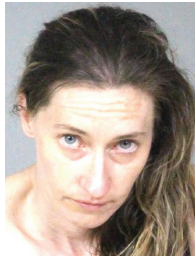
of Calderon-Diaz and Allen, deputies located over 17 grams of methamphetamine, metal knuckles and ammunition.

Calderon-Diaz was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools and false identification to a peace officer.

Allen was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, possession of metal knuckles, prohibited person in possession of ammunition, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of a controlled substance and possession of burglary tools.



Michael Philip Acosta



Sarah Marie Carroll



Tracie Judith Nichols



Bryan Edward McBeth



Ashley Morgan Asti



Richard Lee Haberman

Guns, meth, heroin, DMT seized in coordinated sweep

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
EUREKA – After a year-long investigation, the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) served search warrants Tuesday, Feb. 4 at multiple locations in Eureka.

The Eureka Police Department POP team, officers from the Arcata Police Department, investigators from the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office, and deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, simultaneously served search warrants.

The following subjects were contacted and subsequently arrested in the 4000 block of Cedar Street in Eureka:

- Michael Philip Acosta, 49 – Possession of controlled substances for sale; own, operate, maintain known drug house

- Sarah Marie Carroll, 37 – Possession of controlled substances; own, operate, maintain known drug house

- Tracie Judith Nichols, 46 – Possession of controlled substances for sale and possession of drug paraphernalia

- Bryan Edward McBeth, 36 – Possession of controlled substances and violation of probation

- Ashley Morgan Asti, 31 – Possession of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, and outstanding misdemeanor warrants

At a Home Drive location, officers contacted and detained Richard Lee Haberman, 73. There, agents seized nearly half a pound of suspected heroin and dozens of firearms.

Of the firearms, one was deter-

mined to be stolen and two were found to be California noncompliant assault rifles. In addition, an illegally possessed bump-stock was located.

Haberman was placed under arrest for possession of controlled substances for sale, possession of controlled substances while armed, maintaining a residence for narcotics trafficking, and numerous firearms violations.

In total, this investigation resulted in the seizure of 41 firearms, more than half a pound of suspected heroin, 19 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 10 grams of Dimethyltryptamine (DMT), digital scales, drug packaging materials, and dozens of illegally possessed prescription narcotics.



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Measure R: don’t compare fire apples to fire oranges

Published objections rely on selective information, false comparisons, but the facts speak for themselves

There are two arguments against Arcata Fire District’s (AFD) special tax proposal, Measure R, in the *Humboldt County Voter Information Guide*.

Misleading comparisons

One argument against Measure R, written by Kent Sawatzky, compares AFD to Fortuna Fire, Blue Lake Fire, and Ferndale Fire. He lists what their residents pay in parcel tax. You will see comparatively that Fortuna Residents pay double (\$72) what Blue Lake Residents pay (\$36) and Ferndale Residents pay (\$20).

If AFD’s Measure R passes, the five communities they protect would pay a total of \$206/year between the new special tax and 2006 benefit assessment.

The total number of incidents that each of these great volunteer departments responded to in 2018 is as follows: Fortuna (1,291 calls) Ferndale (234 calls), and Blue Lake (278).

In 2018, AFD answered 3,357 calls for service. In 2019, AFD answered 3,860 calls for service. The higher the demand for service, the more the cost for service.

AFD used to be a volunteer strong department with few career staff. As the demand for service increased, the number of career staff increased. AFD responds to nearly three times the number of calls compared to Fortuna Fire. Hence, the reason for three times the cost.

If I were to break agency parcel tax down like Costco does with their products, AFD and Fortuna charge \$.05/call, Ferndale charges \$.08/call, and Blue Lake charges \$.13/call. If you ask me, all agencies provide great service for reasonable cost. All four agencies control their revenues, meaning the State, County, and City cannot re-direct the revenues.

Mr. Sawatzky questions why AFD residents are asked to pay more than two-and-a-half times the rate of Humboldt Bay Fire and claims their single-family residents pay \$72.

Unfortunately, he doesn’t give you all the details. The \$72 he refers to accounts for approximately 35 percent of HBF District’s budget, which is more than \$9 million. HBF also receives revenue from the City of Eureka. Between the City revenue and other revenue sources, he omitted the other 65 percent of their \$9 million budget.

In 2018, HBF responded to 6,760 calls for service. This would explain why HBF’s budget and staffing is more than double the budget and staffing for AFD. Higher demand requires more fire stations, more staffing, more prevention efforts, more public education, and more tax base to support. AFD is no longer able to meet the demand with volunteers alone. AFD now has 22 career firefighters and 15 volunteers to support their Mission.

In his argument, Mr. Sawatzky asks about a better approach and refers to consolidated countywide dispatch and countywide fire district. Anyone can throw out random suggestions without backing the suggestion with a financial analysis report.

Sheriff Honsal has been researching consolidated countywide dispatch. The preliminary estimated cost is over \$15 million with an estimated annual cost of \$8 million.

The amount AFD would have to contribute annually is estimated at \$245,000. Currently, AFD pays \$138,000 by using CAL FIRE Dispatch.

Station locations

Mr. Sawatzky’s final argument suggests consolidating the two Arcata Fire Stations in a more central location. AFD had planned to do just that with their well-known “Building Project.” This plan was terminated after AFD completed research showing where the calls occur and response times.

The fire stations are strategically placed where they should be. This allows AFD to do the greatest good for the greatest number of community members. The consolidated fire station concept was budgeted at \$10 to \$14 million dollars, which far exceeded the project budget.

Instead, Arcata Volunteer Firefighter’s Association (AVFA) was able to use donations, bequests and a loan to renovate the Arcata and McKinleyville Fire Stations for approximately \$4 million. AFD rents the Arcata Station from AVFA however, the building renovations were paid without using tax base. AVFA is a non-profit organization.

A costly, unfunded suggestion

In the second argument, Mr. Uri Driscoll and Mr. Sawatzky wrote a rebuttal to Measure R in the *Voter Information Guide* and I would like to address a few of their suggestions. In the rebuttal, they discuss “long-term fire service solutions.”

The first solution they suggest is a consolidated fire station used as a “skill development training center for first responders, firefighters, and law enforcement.” They suggest on-site housing for qualified trainees committed to entering public service and development of a much-needed school to train more firefighters (assuming volunteer firefighters). They indicate the great opportunity to produce graduates of specialized training for employment throughout the county and nation.

I’m curious how Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Sawatzky think AFD will afford to hire some of these graduates without increasing revenues. Do they want AFD to train them for other agencies to hire and have AFD continue the revolving door of graduates they have been supplying for well over twenty years? Remember, AFD tried to pass a special tax in 2015 so they could increase staffing to three per engine and it was overwhelmingly voted down.

Training and retention

Training for a volunteer firefighter requires the same as training for a career firefighter. A basic academy to reach California State Fire Marshal Firefighter I level (basic) is between 300 and 400 hours. In addition, because AFD responds to medical calls, 150 training hours are added for Emergency Medical Technician.

On top of that, firefighters have to complete human resource training in topics such as sexual harassment, discrimination, ethics, and other similar topics. Law requires all of these. OSHA also has required training for volunteer and career firefighters. No wonder there is a reduction in volunteer firefighters across the nation. Who has the time?

If a dedicated volunteer firefighter completes all of the required basic training, they have to maintain the training every year and begin learning advanced firefighting skills. Firefighting is a perishable skill. In order to maintain proficiency, firefighters receive hundreds of hours in retraining each year. On top of training, volunteers must respond to calls all hours of the day and night. I already mentioned we run over 3,800 calls each year (10 per day).

If a volunteer gets hurt, they are covered by workers compensation insurance. However, workers comp is based on a starting firefighter hourly pay of \$14.67/hour. I hope that they don’t become permanently disabled from injury while volunteering and are retired out on disability like five of our career firefighters have been in the last 10 years. A disability retirement is 50 percent of \$14.67/hour tax-free.

Can anyone provide for his or her family on \$7.33/hour? Would you be willing to risk your career

to be a volunteer firefighter? Would you volunteer your time to become a firefighter when you have 300 to 550 plus hours of basic training to complete followed by endless advanced training? If the answer is “Yes,” come see us.

I recommend you have a long talk with your family before committing.

AFD has lost 200 volunteer firefighters in the past 16 years. Of those 200 volunteer firefighters, 60 of them are confirmed career firefighters across the nation. Sounds like AFD has been running a great training school as Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Sawatzky suggested in their rebuttal.

AFD averages 1.4 years from a volunteer before they leave to become career or because they can no longer commit to the demand on their time.

Working at AFD is like Groundhog Day. Come to work, train volunteers, watch them leave, and repeat the process. We conduct exit interviews and most who leave tell us the time commitment was too much. Ten career firefighters have left in the past 16 years and three more career firefighters just submitted notice they are leaving.

These personnel losses should not be taken lightly. The community is losing on their investment and money is essentially being flushed down the drain. Most of the expense is attributed to staff time, background checks, and equipment. It is very expensive to train firefighters and get them through the first three years of training before they become functional personnel. When a firefighter leaves, they take institutional knowledge, knowledge about the fire district challenges, and knowledge of how to protect our community.

As the demand for service increases and salary and benefits are cut, we experience high turnover. Every time we lose a firefighter to a higher paying agency, AFD sees their unfunded liability increase because AFD is legally responsible to contribute toward their pension at the higher salary they earn in their new agency.

We need to retain our firefighters and invest in them. Personally, I have worked my entire career with AFD because I like living here and my salary and benefits were conducive to raise my children here.

We have cut benefits so much that new firefighters are not enticed to stay here for a career. For those of you who research Transparent California, you may think some of AFD’s personnel are overpaid.

Costs and compensation

AFD personnel work a ridiculous amount of overtime. That means they are working beyond their required 56 hours/week. When you work more, you make more money. There is a cost to working more. Burnout, lost time with family, missed vacation time, etc... Some of our career staff average 65 to 70 hours/week throughout the year. That is a lot of extra work and is the equivalent to working a second full time job.

Many of these hours are forced overtime to cover sick days or other accrued leave. When there is a vacancy from sick leave, firefighters are forced to stay on shift so the District can keep all three stations open. They are forced regardless of what they have going on in their personal life.

Chief McDonald and the AFD firefighters place public safety above their own sacrifice and they have been doing this for years. This is a result of operating at minimum staffing. This needs to change or the community will continue losing firefighters to other agencies.

Deficit details

The last question I want to answer is in response to the question “Why is AFD asking for

\$2.2 million if their deficit is only \$250,000?”

This question was posed by Mr. Scott Baker in the *Mad River Union*. I have heard this question from many community members so I will take responsibility for not being clearer in educating our citizens.

AFD has been deficit spending for over three years and has exhausted its contingency funds and capital improvement funds. There is no money to replace fire engines, repair a leaking roof, or replace basic equipment required on the job. A fire engine costs approximately \$650,000 without equipment on it. A ladder truck costs over \$1 million. The District has five engines, a water tender, and a ladder truck.

There is no money to train firefighters, volunteer or career. The Fire Chief has frozen three firefighter positions and is currently freezing three more. It costs approximately \$1.5 million to operate a single station with career staff and AFD has three staffed stations.

There is no cost-of-living adjustment attached to our special tax or benefit assessment. The fire department needs to put money aside for replacement of fire apparatus and to begin repairing broke items that have been deferred due to budget cuts. Examples of these deferments are deferred station maintenance, deferred apparatus repairs, deferred equipment repairs, and deferred safety gear purchases critical to our operational capability.

AFD needs to restore the three vacant positions that have been frozen and the three positions that will be vacant and frozen come March 1, 2020.

If Measure R fails

The requested increase is \$1.9 million per year if Measure R passes. The increase is not \$2.2 million, it is \$1.9 million. Remember, AFD is passing through the 1997 special tax. We already pay the 1997 special tax and AFD can’t lose that revenue so they are adding the 1997 special tax to the new special tax amount for a total of \$2.2 million.

Without this additional revenue, the community WILL see a negative change. A fire station will close and more firefighters will be laid off. When I say more, I’m referring to one-third of the fire department’s staffing.

Expect your insurance premiums to increase and be prepared for the fire department to cut services. When there is a fire, do not expect AFD to save all of your property because four firefighters isn’t sufficient to extinguish a working residential structure fire.

It takes 14 firefighters to safely and efficiently extinguish a working residential structure fire. What does cut services look like? That decision will be left to the Fire District Board after a grueling series of meetings. Fire Departments are legally obligated to respond to, extinguish, investigate, and prevent fires. Everything else fire departments do is a bonus for the community.

What if AFD stopped responding to medical aids, lift assists, animal rescues, power line down calls, fuel spills, and other incidents that can directly impact public safety. What if they had to start charging for these services?

What if AFD stopped giving mutual aid and automatic aid to neighboring fire departments because they can’t justify sending their engine companies out of the fire district?

They can provide these services now because they staff three stations but if one station closes, this will change. Will our neighboring agencies send AFD help if they don’t get help in return?

Total transparency

AFD’s Fire Chief and District Board could not be more transparent. AFD’s budget, employee contracts, and other financial documents are on AFD’s website. If you want to see where the tax revenue is being spent, check it

out for yourself at arcatafire.org.

Also, I want to mention that the county is not going to give AFD any more Measure Z money than what it currently gives. They do not support funding full-time firefighter positions. If you don’t like that decision then call your Humboldt County supervisor. I can promise you that your county Fire Chiefs have been fighting hard for the money they do receive and it’s inadequate.

Again, I ask that you consider the risk of losing one-third of your current fire department and what that may look like for you, your family, and your property. I can tell you with certainty the results will be negative. I’ve been a public servant for 29 years and I can say this with certainty, more people will die, more property will be lost, and it will be a community decision.

The highest level of expertise in emergency services in AFD is the Fire Chief. He is an honest, hardworking, and a steadfast professional. He ensures transparency and accountability of taxpayer dollars.

There is a 10-year sunset on Measure R. If you don’t think he is doing what he said he will do then don’t support a renewal in 2030. I am confident in his abilities and his expertise. If you don’t support his recommended special tax amount there will be negative consequences to our community. The 6,000-plus students AFD protects in the schools will be impacted in a negative way. AFD’s ability to be proactive with school safety will be reduced significantly. Your fire department is an essential service! I strongly encourage you to support them so they can continue to serve all of us as they do today.

Essential professionals

I am curious why a fire district community of more than 37,000 residents expects their firefighters to provide service as a volunteer. Why does the community not expect this from law enforcement, doctors, and city or county administrators? Why doesn’t the community demand free water, sewer, garbage service, and road repair?

Firefighters are every bit, if not more essential to a community’s infrastructure. They are trained and prepared to save lives in a ridiculous variety of extenuating circumstances. Firefighters are called for service when there is no one else to mitigate the emergency. There are experts in firefighting, animal rescue, medical emergencies, disaster response, technical rescue, hazmat, active shooter response, and a lot of other specialized emergencies. It takes an entire 30-year career before a firefighter begins to have strong confidence in all that is required of them.

Every time we reset the clock when someone leaves AFD, we start over and lose that experience firefighter. AFD firefighters are committed to excellence and they take their responsibility very serious. I would appreciate if our community would show them the support they deserve and quit asking them to work free.

Unhelpful misinformation

One final thing Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Sawatzky, please do research next time before you throw out random data and suggestions.

I used to look at Humboldt County Taxpayers League for insight on proposed taxes. Now that I believe your research to be lacking, I will do more research on my own in order to make a more informed decision.

Now I know why fire departments have difficulty educating the public. When people spread inaccurate information, it becomes fact for some.

Next time compare fire apples to fire apples.

Sean Campbell is an Arcata Fire Protection District battalion commander. McKinleyville resident and proud public servant.

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Measure R keeps stations open, staffed

Did you know that you have a fire department? How often do you need the fire department? If you have an emergency and do need them, it's nice to have the security in knowing you have a professional, well trained fire department that will be responding quickly to help you. Arcata Fire District covers 62 square miles and is an all risk agency. Within that we are five communities, three stations, and one district. Currently the District is facing one of its biggest challenges of trying to maintain emergency services and we need our communities help.

Measure R is the solution! With the success of Measure R, it would allow Arcata Fire to keep all stations open and continue to respond to your emergencies in a timely manner. Furthermore, it would also keep fire insurance premiums to the property owner low. Due to the multiple devastating forest fires California is known for nationally, fire insurance premiums are projected to dramatically increase for the property owner and a successful Measure R would hopefully keep Arcata Fire's insurance rating steady. For less than a cup of coffee a day you would be supporting your fire department in maintaining its quick response to your emergency.

Now, I know you're wondering what the other side of this would look like. What if Measure R is not successful? If Measure R fails, your fire district would be forced to close a station. The impact of closing a fire station would mean longer response times for life threatening emergencies that are extremely time sensitive. For incidents such as structure fires and rescues the need for highly trained personnel is paramount. If Measure R is unsuccessful it would reduce the number of on duty staff and would be detrimental to the safety of the community.

As our community grows the Fire District needs to grow with it. We alone cannot protect our community without your support. Please help us in securing a safer future for all of us who live, raise our families and work in our community. Please vote YES on Measure R.

Nathan Padula
McKinleyville

The dangers of fluoride

As a strong proponent of getting fluoride out of public water everywhere, it was disappointing to watch Arcata's City Council meeting on Feb. 5. The council had the opportunity to give the voters the choice of taking fluoride out of the water but it was obvious they are afraid to put themselves in the firing line of the medical and dental establishments. The populace of this city

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never had a choice as to whether they wanted their water fluoridated to begin with. A City Council decided it was best to just begin adding fluoride to the water without consulting Arcata's citizens back in 1956. After recently going through the political upheaval regarding the removal of the McKinley statue I think we are all pretty aware of how decisions made at one point in time may later prove to be decisions we need to revisit and maybe even reverse. Fluoridating public water is a clear cut example of government overreach and for that reason alone the citizenry should have an opportunity to become currently informed and vote on it every election cycle. I think a good recompense for the transgression of initiating water fluoridation without public approval would be for the City Council to automatically put a ballot measure giving the citizens choice every election cycle. More evidence comes to light all the time and it would be a good admittance that at least our local government does not know what the truth is for sure, which they don't. As Benjamin Franklin said, "when in doubt, don't"

I could go on about how the argument for keeping fluoride in (preventing cavities in underprivileged children) seems at least to me, a very weak one considering all the other health problems it most probably is causing for everyone, yes even said underprivileged children. In addition common sense tells me that adding an industrial toxic waste product into all the water everywhere cannot be good for the ecosystem.

When fearing to question the authority of our government or any establishment, please remember that there are big problems that our government is helping to cause and then ignore which are harming humans, creatures and the whole ecosystem. We are currently killing off our bee population, allowing fracking which will further poison our water, and of course there is Monsanto's GMOs which at the very least is discouraging organic farming to ever be truly effective. Always question the authority of a government or a government agency which are all basically ruled by corporations, big business, and the root of all evil, money!

Resources regarding the dangers of fluoridated water: Fluoridealert.org; *A Case Against Fluoride* by Paul Connett

Dana Quillman
Arcata

Rex listens, cares and acts

I've known Rex for many years. When Rex was working in the private sector, our businesses crossed paths, and always with a good experience. What really got me to

rally behind Rex, was during a period of time when Rex, myself and many other community people worked together with Paulette Gilliam on Socks for Soldiers. This was a community project which sent thousands of care packages over the years to our troops deployed overseas. It was during this time that I more fully understood Rex's dedication to our community and in helping others in need.

As a Supervisor, Rex continues to be dedicated to his community and serving his constituent's needs. Folks can call or send an email, Rex listens, offers his insight, and then lets people know what is and is not possible. He can't make promises, and might not tell you what you want to hear. He does his best to understand your concerns, and helps you understand which agency might be able to help.

I've observed him over the past eight years, as my elected representative, and continue to see that he is doing a good job for those of us in District 1, and in the county as a whole. Rex has had my support the past two elections, and will again on March 3.

Sincerely,
Dennis DelBiaggio
Ferndale

Rex Bohn is here for you

My family, and my daughter's family, lost our homes during the Camp Fire in Paradise. Both my daughter and I were teachers. The fire took our elementary school where we worked, and we needed to relocate. In January, my daughter was offered a teaching job in Eureka. To be closer to our grandchild, my husband and I decided that we, too, would move to Eureka.

I met Supervisor Rex Bohn when we bought our house in Cutten. Rex and the whole neighborhood came over and welcomed us. People talked to us about the town, and told us, "We're here for you!" It is because of the welcome we received from our neighbors, that we're able to finally think and feel that it is possible to start over.

As Rex's neighbor, we know when he leaves and returns, and we've never seen anyone work so hard for his community. It is a seven days a week job. We're very impressed.

One of the things I've come to understand is that Rex has helped organize convoys of supplies from Humboldt to people effected by the Camp Fire, as well as for those who suffered losses in the Mendocino, Sonoma, and Carr Fires. Receiving help after suffering such severe loss was both humbling and reassuring that we can overcome this tragedy.

From someone new to this community, I can't thank Rex enough for his support. I am happy to cast my first vote for Humboldt County Supervisor for Rex Bohn.

Katy Schrum
Eureka

'Donald O.J. Trump'

Senate Republicans openly admit To Traitor Trump's obvious guilt. But no witnesses, no documents, And no real trial was allowed? No profiles in courage amongst This cowardly conservative crowd! Except for Utah's Mitt Romney and Alabama Democrat Doug Jones. Trump's half of the U.S. Senate Might as well quit and go home. Blue Tidal Wave on the way in Nov. GOP goes home return to sender! No coincidence that Donald Trump, Jeffrey Epstein's partner in crime, Hired Epstein's defense attorneys Alan Dershowitz and Ken Starr To spin, obfuscate and lie, lie, lie! Even if Pres. Orange Julius Caesar Got in a white Ford Bronco With Al Cowlings & fled the cops Headed straight towards Mexico, The GOP-controlled U.S. Senate Would simply refuse to convict. Donald Trump's gloves did not fit, So Senate jurors must acquit? Where have I heard this all before? Anyone else remember 1994? Then O.J. Simpson's trial in 1995? Forever hereafter he'll be known as Putin's puppet Donald O.J. Trump The guiltiest unjailed criminal alive!

Sincerely,
Jake Pickering
Arcata

UML915 Which of the following outcomes would you prefer occur on November 3, 2020? .
38% Donald Trump wins re-election
62 A giant meteor strikes the earth, extinguishing all human life

	Party ID Learned		Party ID Unlearned	
	Democrat	Independent	Democrat	Independent
Trump victory	36	51	36	42
Meteor strike	64	49	64	58

	Income			Education	
	Below \$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K & up	No 4-Yr. Degree	4-Year Degree
Trump victory	31	38	51	34	42
Meteor strike	69	62	49	66	58

	Gender		Age	Ideology		
	Male	Female	18-44	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trump victory	47	32	46	35	41	31
Meteor strike	53	68	54	65	59	28

Astronomic dislike

One can find many surveys that attempt to measure just how unfavorably president Trump is seen.

If you believe a recent survey by the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, the opinion of many Democrats is indeed very dark.

It found that 64 percent of New Hampshire Democrats would prefer "a giant meteor strikes the Earth, extinguishing all human life" rather than see President Trump be re-elected.

Thinking about it, I often feel this way myself. Do you agree?

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

Credibility-boosting metal pipe vanquished by gassy countermeasures

• **Sunday, January 19 6:56 p.m.** A man in tan jacket and pants shoelessly padded about an I Street parking lot snarling at customers and disrupting commerce. Police encouraged him to begone, and blurt his beige bragaduncio elsewhere.

11:32 a.m. A man festooned with hoodie, backpack and foam pad used the corner of 11th and G streets as his pulpit from which to pummel the populace with profanity. The shambolic shouter then enjoyed a restful sit-down at a nearby bank.

12:17 p.m. Another swear word-shrieker in Larson Park chose not to broadcast his bellowings, but to focus the odious obscenities on a woman and her children. He was arrested.

• **Tuesday, January 21 12:54 a.m.** A truck parked at a Valley West golden arches had a gas pump extending from its tank. The driver was suspected to be drunk.

5:30 a.m. "Please, he's lying," said a crying woman as heard on

the background of a 911 call. It sounded like a man was pushing her as she pleaded with someone unknown.

8:24 a.m. Where east meets west in northern Arcata, two menfolk argued, though one enjoyed the supplemental philosophical gravitas of a metal pipe. But the playing field at Valley East and Valley West boulevards was leveled with the other guy went gaseous and whipped out his pepper spray, whereupon the stinging fog



of war neutralized the pipe's persuasive powers.

8:48 a.m. A dog was reported stuck in a crate on Buttermilk Lane for the last two weeks. The poor pooch had an ailing leg with a splint that needed changing every five days, but that hadn't been done in a month. The dog's owner was unavailable, being incarcerated for another two or three months.

2:21 p.m. Now that medical cannabis licenses are no longer required, the Valley West clinic which once issued them is closed,

and the campers who used to inhabit its grounds and crawlspace are now pervading its vacant offices. The usual left-behind residue included garbage, clothes and sleeping bags. The greasy, 2006-vintage copies of *Field and Stream* were already there.

5:06 p.m. A Q Street resident said a neighbor had seen a porch piratess pluck a package from his property at about 3:23 p.m. Lost to the black-haired woman in a pink sweatshirt with a maroon Toyota Tundra were a desk lamp and a cat tube.

Shooting | Firearm activity in Samoa 'very disruptive', but not illegal

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from people who live on large parcels in rural areas and the noise of gunfire can be disturbing.

"And with bullets whizzing, they're not sure what the origin is and people will tell me they talk with their neighbors and sometimes that works out pretty well but sometimes the individual gets even more arrogant and more in your face about it," Madrone said. He added, "It's that responsibility piece that is so critical to this."

The county has already enacted controls on shooting, prohibiting it in county parks, including the Mad River and Clam Beach park areas, and within a half-mile of highways. The highway buffer was motivated by unsafe shooters in the Fernbridge area and that situation is said to have significantly improved.

Bass's district includes the Samoa Peninsula, where residents have complained

about shooting in an area owned by the Samoa-Pacific Group. That company owns the town of Samoa and has allowed the firearm use but Bass said it becomes more problematic as residential development continues.

She said discussing the issue "makes sense" and recalled how action was called for in Fernbridge "because people were having bullets whiz over their heads and while people may have been well-intending to shoot in a certain direction that would have been safe, that wasn't always happening."

The peninsula is in the midst of residential development, Bass continued, and "given the fact that there will be so many more residences out there, it does have a feeling of a city ... and I think we should do what we can to provide a sense of safety."

Sheriff Billy Honsal said shooting on private property in unincorporated areas is

allowed – he described complaints his department got from the Pine Hill area. Upon investigation, it was established that the firearm activity was being done by a private property owner and it was "within his legal right to do so."

Although the shooting "disturbed his neighbors and was very disruptive," it was not illegal, Honsal continued, because it wasn't criminally negligent.

But he also said a ban on using firearms within 150 yards of an occupied building is "reasonable."

During a public comment session, residents of Manila and staff from the Redwood Community Action Agency told supervisors about Samoa area residents' safety and nuisance concerns.

But Brian Hunter, who grew up in Ferndale, advised supervisors to be careful about over-regulation.

He said that when he was growing up,

"It was socially acceptable to have firearms in our pickups" and "I've systematically seen our areas of access be denied for shooting ... they're systematically getting shut down."

The shooting area in Samoa has been checked by the Sheriff's Office and deemed "a safe place to shoot," Hunter said, adding that nearby residents "need to go out and investigate themselves and verify that they are not shooting toward their houses – yes, you are hearing them firing the firearms but they are doing it in a safe manner."

After further discussion, Wilson made a motion to direct staff to develop a ban on shooting near occupied buildings, expand prohibitions to include shooting on the Samoa Peninsula and to set up a structure for creating community-specific ad hoc committees on gun use issues.

Wilson's motion was unanimously approved.



LEADERS OF THE PACKS

SCOUTS' HONOR The Arcata City Council was honored last week by the Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance led by Scouts from Pack 95 and Troop 15. Above, Scouts Nick Matthews and Jacob-Klein Morehead.

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MCSD'S FINEST

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Kyle Stone, who is holding an hourglass, was named the McKinleyville Community Services District Employee of the Year for 2019 at the Feb. 5 meeting of the district's Board of Directors. From left are Manager Greg Orsini, Director Shel Barsanti, Director David Couch, President Mary Burke, Director John Corbett, Stone and Director Dennis Mayo. MCSD employees choose the Employee of the Year through secret ballots. Stone has worked for the district for 13 years and has "demonstrated unwavering loyalty and dedication to MCSD," according to Orsini. So why is Stone holding an hour glass? "We have a saying at the MCSD that 'everything takes an hour,'" Stone said. Previous awardees are Sharon Denison, 2009; Tony Rutten, 2010; James Henry, 2011; Lesley Frisbee, 2012; William McBroom, 2013; David Baldosser, 2014; Diane Sloan, 2015; Chris Jones, 2016; Jennifer Olsen, 2017; and Erik Jones, 2018.

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ELECTRIFIED Bayside's beloved Redwood Roots Farm now has everything it needs for electrical service, thanks to farm supporters who helped fund PG&E's installation of a utility pole, and McKeever Energy & Electric, which installed the service box. Above, redwood Roots owner Janet Czarnecki with Nate McKeever. The power will let the farm pump water from its new well. The farm has established a "Redwood Roots Farm Well Fund page at [gofund-me.com](https://www.gofundme.com).

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McKINLEYVILLE'S BIGFOOT TAPROOM IS OPEN FOR THIRST SLAKING

BELLY UP TO THE BAR McKinleyville's shiny new Bigfoot Taproom pub held its Grand Opening Celebration Saturday. The event featured food by Taqueria La Barca, plus raffles and prizes. Above, the capacious bar. Right, Bigfoot partners Neil Cheatum, Ray Noggle and Lisa Jennings. The Bigfoot Taproom is located at 1750 central Ave. (707) 630-4057, thebigfoottaproom.com PHOTOS COURTESY BRETT WATSON



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Pialorsi ❖ FROM A1

winter months when river flows are high enough. During the summer, or when river flows drop, the district disposes of the wastewater by using it to irrigate the Fischer Ranch.

The acquisition of the Pialorsi property will provide the district with additional disposal capacity.

MCSD Manager Greg Orsini said that if the ranches are properly managed, he believes they will provide McKinleyville with all of its disposal needs to full build-out.

Before escrow closes in 60 days, the property will be inspected to make sure there's no hazardous waste.

Orsini said that the district has yet to determine

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PIALORSI DAIRY The McKinleyville Community Services District is buying the old Pialorsi Dairy, which it will use to dispose of treated wastewater. The property is divided into five parcels, shown here. The MCSD already owns the Fischer Ranch.

PHOTO WITH PARCEL LINES FROM MCSD, GRAPHIC BY UNION

whether it will lease the property for hay production, as it does with the Fischer Ranch. The district also hasn't determined what it will do with the house and outbuildings.

The purchase of the Pialorsi property was spurred, in part, by the decommissioning of the district's percolation ponds, which are located near the Mad River roughly across from the Mad River County Park boat ramp.

The district disposed of about 25 percent of its wastewater in the ponds. However, a new state mandate would have required that the district conduct extensive studies to demonstrate that the perc ponds have no impact on the river. Instead, the district plans to turn the perc ponds into a coho salmon nursery, which would connect to the river. Planning for that project is underway.

It's time for a new bloodmobile

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CELEBRATION OF ART Left, North Bay by Steven Taylor at Stokes, Hamer, Kirk & Eads LLC. Right, art by Jeff Stanley at Umpqua Bank.



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Arts! Arcata this Friday

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA — Arts! Arcata, Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts, takes place Friday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at locations throughout the city. Below are the participating venues, art shows and more:

- **Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery**, 883 H St.: Photography by Jeff Langdon; ceramics by Gilbert Castro; jewelry by Michael Edwards.
- **Arising Holistic Center**, 627 16th St.: Mixed media art by Clairese Mayo; live music by Icarus and Suns.
- **Cafe Brio**, 791 G St.: "Earthen-furrow," acrylic paintings by Morgen Maier.
- **Fire Arts Center**, 520 South G St.: Ceramics by members Rebecca Ron and Emily Chang; nonprofit wine pour by Fire Arts Center.

- **Garden Gate**, 905 H St.: Acrylic paintings by Augustus Clark; live music by Kenny Ray and the Mighty Rovers; nonprofit wine pour by Healthcare for All/Physicians for a National Health Program.
- **The Griffin**, 937 10th St.: Oil paintings by Charli.
- **Humboldt Infusions**, 863 H St.: Cosmic landscapes in acrylic paint and water-based ink by Toad; live music and tea bar.
- **Movewell**, 901 Eighth St.: Watercolor by Marisa Kieselhorst; guitar, lyrics, and poems by Nesta.
- **Pacific Paradise**, 1087 H St.: Ceramics by Amber Jones.
- **Plaza Grill**, 791 Eighth St., 3rd Floor: "Visions of the Eel River," photography by Pat Higgins.
- **Plaza Shoe Shop**, 699 G St.: "Star Songs," Sphyrical Art Premier

by Deborah.

- **The Rocking Horse**, 791 Eighth St. 1st Floor: Open late and sharing the Love of Arts! Arcata!
- **The Sanctuary**, 1301 J St.: "Arcata, ASAP," a Conversation Piece Series curated by Katie Belknap and Solomon Lowenstein.
- **Stokes, Hamer, Kirk & Eads, LLP**, 381 Bayside Rd.: Oil paintings by Steven Taylor; classical and jazz flute by Wynsome Winds; nonprofit wine pour by American Cancer Society, Relay for Life Team #32.
- **Tin Can Mailman**, 1000 H St.: Live Lord Of The Rings card game for the monthly Board Game Night with Heath Whalen.
- **Umpqua Bank Upstairs Gallery**, 1063 G St.: Acrylic paintings by Westhaven Center of the Arts Painting Class and their instructor Jeff Stanley.

Visit arcatamainstreet.com, check out the Arts! Arcata event on Facebook and Instagram, or call (707) 822-4500 for more information.



WELCOME CONCERT The Humboldt State Department of Music presents the spring semester Welcome Concert, an occasion that brings together the HSU campus community and the greater Humboldt community for an early evening concert of superb music on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. This Faculty Artist Series concert will include some of the region's most popular soloists, who also happen to be HSU music faculty as well. Cellist Garrick Woods and pianist Daniela Mineva will perform the first movement of Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Sonata for cello and piano in g minor*. Clarinetist Virginia Ryder, violinist Cindy Moyer and pianist Ryan McGaughey will perform a trio called *A Renaissance Bouquet* by living American composer John Biggs that presents a medley of 10 Renaissance tunes re-imagined in a fresh twentieth century context. The Arcata Bay String Quartet, above, featuring violinists Cindy Moyer and Karen Davy, violist Sherry Hanson and cellist Garrick Woods, will play the first movement of the *String Quartet No 3 in B-flat major* by Johannes Brahms. Finally, the music of the Italian classical era composer Luigi Boccherini will be presented by guitarist Jennifer Trowbridge in collaboration with the Arcata Bay String Quartet. The *Fandango* movement of his *Guitar Quintet in D major* just drips with the style and influence of Boccherini's adopted country of Spain. There is even a point in the work where Woods will abandon his cello and play the castanets instead! Admission is \$15 general and \$5 for children and HSU students with ID.

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Music is Love: happenings for a V-Day weekend

It's time for another musical Valentine this weekend. As Shakespeare put it, "If music be the food of love, play on." With the lover's holiday falling on a Friday, well, the marketing departments typically stretch things out.

We'll get to that, but first let's talk jazz, and a homecoming of sorts. Humboldt County jazz legend, pianist **Jerry Moore**, returns to the Morris Graves Museum for Sunday's Wine and Jazz on Feb. 16, at 3 p.m. As they tell me, "Jerry will be accompanied by his favorite local rhythm section of bassist Baron Wolfe and drummer Bill Mohenke," two legends in their own write.



After retiring to Marin County after 35 years teaching at College of the Redwoods, Jerry's visits are infrequent, but he definitely has a history here. "Over the past 70 years it would be difficult to find anyone more actively engaged in the promotion of 'Americas Classical Music' as Mr. Moore. First as a music student at Humboldt State College (now HSU) where in the early '50s, he lobbied a department notoriously resistant to change to permit the formation of jazz ensembles, and later went on to earn a teaching credential."

On the family front, Jerry spawned a couple of fine musicians, saxophonist Michael Moore, a top improviser in Holland, and our own Gregg Moore, leader of Bandemonium, and a primal force in the music scene.

Jerry joined the faculty of College of the Redwoods in the '60s, while on the side he was playing jazz in local now-defunct clubs like The Keg in Northtown and Vance Log Cabin in Old Town, where he jammed with other music educators like Jim Westman, Dan Gurnee and Don Mohenke, father of Bill. (See above.)

Before retiring in the '90s, the honorable Jerry was honored by the California Music Educators Association with the California Lifetime Achievement Award "in recognition for his work in encouraging a holistic approach to mu-



WINE & JAZZ Jerry Moore returns to the Graves Sunday afternoon for Wine and Jazz. PHOTO BY BOB DORAN

sic education." (His style is holistic.)

Do you play jazz? Traditionally Wine and Jazz is a jam session "open to all comers." Bring your axe.

It perhaps makes sense in this modern world, but a few years ago, Valentine's Day was re-branded as V-Day, "a global movement to end violence against all women and girls (cisgender, transgender, and those who hold fluid identities that are subject to gender-based violence)." Meanwhile, "the rise of misogynist, authoritarian regimes the world over — from the United States to the Philippines, India to Brazil — has recalibrated the work, further escalating the urgency with which we feel compelled to fight for gender, climate, economic and racial justice."

Locally for V-Day, they are planning their part in **1 Bil-**

lion Rising 2020 on the Arcata Plaza. "The time to get out and rock the Plaza is here again. Join us and the global community to rise up in dance to say 'NO' to violence and injustice in our community and around the world. V-Day Humboldt and other support organizations will be providing information," as they rise up and dance to the original song, "Break the Chain," with special choreography. That all starts at 1 p.m. V-Day, Friday, Feb. 14, on the Plaza. Come early to check out the tabling. Be informed.

By chance, the LOVE holiday falls on the same day as **Arts! Arcata**. On the music front (from 6-9 p.m.) you'll find **Kenny Ray** and the **Mighty Rovers** at Garden Gate, with wine sales benefiting a good cause, **Healthcare for All/Physicians for a National Health Program**. Arising Holistic Center has music by **Icarus and Suns**. Movewell has **Nesta** on guitar with poetry. Bayside lawyers Stokes, Hamer, Kirk & Eads have jazzy flute by **Wynsome Winds**, wine sales Relay for Life Team #32 for the American Cancer Society.

At The Sanctuary that night they're hosting "**Arcata, ASAP**," part of a "Conversation Piece Series" curated by **Katie Belknap** and **Solomon Lowenstein**, who are at the center of Sanctuary. In turn, the conversation is part of a larger initiative aimed at creating a vibrant cultural city agency of some sort, that would bring in the Creamery District, the South-o'G Marsh District and things like the Sanctuary and the Vets Hall under a unified vision.

I talked about all of that briefly with Katie at the big Ten Pin Latin Peppers show, and she asked if I might contrib-

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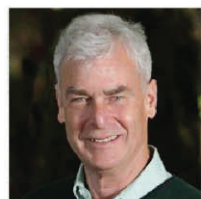
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Workshop for lovers of heather

HEATHER ENTHUSIASTS OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE
EUREKA – The Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire (H.E.R.E.) is having a winter workshop at the Eureka Woman’s Club, 1531 J St. in Eureka on Tuesday, Feb. 18. This annual event, which is titled Heathers 2.0, will cover heather pruning, propagation, floral arrangements, landscape design, and a special class on South African Heathers.
It will begin at 9:30 a.m. for registration. Lectures will start at 10 a.m., and end at 3 p.m. H.E.R.E. Members can attend this event for free* non-members and guests can attend for \$15. Morning coffee, tea and pastries will be provided, along with dessert at lunch. Please bring a brown bag lunch. There will be a plant sale, and an opportunity drawing.
The program agenda will be:
• **10 a.m.** “Re-Imagining & Re-Constructing a Garden for a New Age” by Barbara Morrison.
After a decade and a half of rebuilding a garden destroyed by a 15-minute squall-line microburst, Morrison has some lessons in landscape design and plant selection to share. It is no surprise that heathers and conifers establish the foundation of that design, providing year-round interest and color.
After retirement from a lifetime of teaching at HSU, Morrison with husband, Ken, have devoted even more of their time and energy to their McKinleyville garden and gardening.
In June 2019, Barbara, her garden and her perspectives in gardening were featured in an outstanding article in *Fine Gardening Magazine*. Much of what she has learned she will share with us.
• **11 a.m.** “Yes, You Can Ruin Your Heather If You Prune Them Wrong, So Learn How to Prune Them Right! It is Not Rocket Science. Anyone Can Learn!” by Don Jewett.
The presentation will cover tools, techniques and when to prune your heather.
Jewett has been the owner/operator of Don’s Lawns and Gardens in Fortuna since 1998.
In 2016 Don and his wife Sheri received a commendation for landscape design from the California Garden Clubs’, Inc. California Consultants Council for their innovative home landscaping. Jewett is the current president of the North American Heather Society. He is a past president of H.E.R.E. He loves to prune heather.
• **11:30 a.m.** “Practical Hands on Propagation of Heaths and Heathers Workshop” by Maria Krenek. A little dirt, a container, cover and cuttings, you and Krenek are all you’ll need to learn how to grow Calluna, Erica and Daboecia from cuttings. All materials will be provided for you to see how easy it can be. Then it’s up to you to take them home and watch them develop
Krenek is an avid heather enthusiast. Through H.E.R.E., her nursery (Glenmar Heather Nursery) and other gardening and garden club activities she has continued to satisfy her need to learn and do.
• **Noon** Lunch. Brown bag lunch provided by participants and desserts provided by H.E.R.E.
• **1 p.m.** “Floral arrangements” by Pat Chaney, who will show how heathers can be used to enhance normal sized arrangements.
Chaney is a retired teacher and home gardener who enjoys competing in flower arranging as well as putting in the garden.
She is currently president of both the Patrick’s Point Garden Club (a member since 1986) and H.E.R.E. Chaney has won many prizes with her flower arrangements.
“Small Floral arrangements” by Donna Farris. Tips on creating tiny arrangements while including the use of heather. Farris has been a member of the Fortuna Garden Club since 1999, and a member of H.E.R.E. nearly as long.
• **2 p.m.** “A Wonderful World in South Africa Ericas” by Maria Krenek. This is an introduction to the fantastic color, shape and diversity of the Ericas of South Africa.
Please let H.E.R.E. know if you plan on attending, or if you have any questions or comments, by calling (707) 826-9120, emailing heathershere@yahoo.com, or visiting heathershere.org.

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Inscrutable Rabbit & a shiny whale

The Tidepool High Divers, featuring Bryce Kenny, Tom Marquette, Tim Breed, Tonio Skwier and guest violinist Bill Hunter will entertain listeners and dancers at A Valentine’s Evening of Coastal Country Americana Music on Friday, Feb. 14 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall.
Dress up. Bring a friend, spouse or partner and enjoy wine, beer, snacks, door prizes and a photography exhibit by Cameron Cather, Kenneth Tinkham, David Safier and others. Admission is \$15 per person or two for \$25 if you purchase tickets in advance by going to trinidadcivicclub.org.

Inscrutable Rabbit
Stories intertwined with folk music, rock and roll and rhythm and blues will be performed by storyteller-songwriter Jeff DeMark, veteran Bay Area guitarist John Dillon and drummer Paul DeMark with special guest Tim Breed on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Drive.
Stories will include “Tales and Music of the Great Texas Musician Doug Sahm and Pickle Anarchist: Working at McDonald’s at 16.” Admission is \$6 to \$10 on a sliding scale. Refreshments will be available.
Gaia’s Love, a nature based spirituality group led by Dr. Roy King, will take place on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by Song Village with Seabury Gould from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact Dr. King at (650) 575-7670 for information on his program and (707) 845-8167 for Song Village inquiries.
“The Elements of Humboldt Through Rainbow Eyes,” a multi-media exhibit by Artist in Residence Crystal Ange remains on view at WCA.
The Story Loving Bloodhound
Popular pup Katie will return to Trinidad Library on Saturday, Feb.



WHALE WASH Trinidad Museum board member Scott Baker and sculptor Connie Butler take a break after cleaning and polishing "Grey Whale and Calf," which graces Trinidad's Main Street entry way in front of the museum and library.

22 from 1 to 3 p.m. Claudia brings soft, gentle Katie, a certified therapy dog for literacy, to the library on the fourth Saturday of every month.
Children enjoy a one-on-one 20-minute session reading with Katie. The program is open to all reading levels and parents are welcome to read with children who need assistance. Call (707) 677-0227 or stop by the library to schedule a time with Katie.
Unwind at Trinidad Library
“Unwind” is a new monthly community program set for the fourth Tuesday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. It is a knitting, crochet or needlework session with fellow creative folks. Bring your projects to work on, get tips and troubleshooting, discover new patterns and designs and enjoy good company at the next session on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Ct. Inquiries: (707) 677-0227.
Azalea Restoration Day
California State Parks and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust invite volunteers to help restore western azaleas

in Humboldt Lagoons State Park on Saturday, Feb. 22.
Remove vegetation that is encroaching into the azalea bushes with loppers, hand saws and hand clippers in a successful habitat that is battling forest encroachment. Meet at the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Trailhead on Big Lagoon Ranch Road.
Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walking off-trail. Parking is limited. Please car-pool if possible. For more information contact Katrina Henderson, katrina.henderson@parks.ca.gov or call (707) 677-3109.
Grey whale and calf sculpture
Trinidad Museum volunteer Scott Baker and others, with beloved local sculptor Connie Butler, cleaned and polished Connie’s beautiful Grey Whale and Calf bronze sculpture at Trinidad’s entry way on Main Street.
Crows and seagulls like perching on the whales, but their leavings damage the patina. Residents are encouraged by Connie not to feed the birds!

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Local legend to perform at Wine & Jazz

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART
EUREKA – Humboldt County jazz legend Jerry Moore will be returning to the Morris Graves Museum of Art for Wine and Jazz on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. The museum is located at 636 F St. in Eureka.
The pianist will be accompanied by his favorite local rhythm section featuring bassist Baron Wolfe and drummer Bill Mohenke.
Since retiring to Marin County after 35 years teaching at College of the Redwoods, much of Moore’s energies have been directed at teaching in less formal situations including many school concerts with the jazz singer Doug Arrington.



Jerry Moore

Over the past 70 years it would be difficult to find anyone more actively engaged in the promotion of “America’s Classical Music” as Moore. As a music student at Humboldt State College (now HSU) in the early 1950s, he lobbied a department notoriously resistant to change to permit the formation of jazz ensembles and later went on to earn a teaching credential and work as an itinerant music teacher in the

Humboldt hinterlands.
At the same time he was establishing himself as the primary local exponent of modern jazz, leading a variety of quartets and quintets featuring fellow music educators Jim Westman, Don Mohenke and Dan Gurnee and playing local jazz clubs such as The Keg in Arcata and the Vance Log Cabin in Old Town Eureka.
When College of the Redwoods was founded in 1964, Moore became a college professor, a position he was to fill for most of the next 40 years adding a masters degree from the prestigious Eastman School and a doctorate from Ohio State University to his long list of qualifications.

Visit The Sanctuary Friday and help with art plan

THE SANCTUARY
ARCATA – The Sanctuary hosts interactive gallery exhibition Arcata, ASAP with an opening reception during Arts! Arcata on Friday, Feb. 14 from

6 to 9 p.m.
Arcata, ASAP is part of the Conversation Piece series, a series of art pieces curated by Sanctuary founders Katie Belknap and Solomon Lowenstein

III to spark conversations about those topics they find relevant. This conversation revolves around the rich arts and culture of Arcata, the city’s currently in-process Arcata Strategic Arts Plan (ASAP) and the Local Arts Agency (LAA).
Cultivating a garden of compassionate, active, beautiful, dedicated, cre-

ative participants is a never-ending act. The creation of the Strategic Arts Plan could demonstrate the city’s priorities towards this art-rich garden, with a Local Arts Agency to act as a conduit. The curators invite all community members to participate in this interactive exhibition.
The Sanctuary is located at 1301 J St. in Arcata, and was established in 2013 as a playground for creative action and artful living. Housed in a historic building that was once a woman’s club, the Sanctuary is a space dedicated to making and experiencing art in community.
They produce gallery exhibitions, residency and educational programs, live music, community events, and much more. Their printmaking and sewing labs, ceramics studio, garden, communal kitchen, woodworking tools, stage and more serve as venues for creativity of all kinds. 707-822-0898, info@sanctuaryarcata.org

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OBITUARY

Helen Douarin Kier



Seen here in 1994 in a Paris railway station on her way to explore her roots in Brittany, Helen Douarin Kier died at home in San Rafael on Jan. 21, 2020 surrounded by her adoring family. She was 83.

Helen was born in Eureka, Calif. When she was six her family moved to Sacramento where she made dear friends who loved her throughout her life.

Helen was a “water baby” who helped children, elders and people with disabilities learn to swim in the Sacramento Junior College pool beginning when she was 13.

She lifeguarded at summer camps and Sacramento to public pools through her teens – and even after

she started her family. Helen wanted to be a schoolteacher like her older sister, Barbara. She attended McClatchy High School, Sacramento Junior College and Sacramento State College where she majored in education and minored in the arts.

She continued painting, making pottery and tile mosaics, weaving and knitting throughout her life.

She was an especially amazing knitter, creating sweaters of her own design for her kids, ponchos for her girlfriends and knitted teddy bears for every newborn arrival in her ever-expanding circle of family and friends.

Helen taught in schools throughout Sacramento, but her favorite assignment was that of science-room teacher at Riverside Elementary School, near her Old Land Park home,

where she loved to share her understanding of how things work in nature and her passion for protecting all things natural.

In the early 1980s Helen and her husband Bill bought Strawberry Lodge in the Sierras high above Placerville and for the next three years, with the help of their kids, they brought the historic property back to life and made it a popular inn once more.

The Kiers moved to Marin County in 1986 so that Bill could help develop an environmental non-profit organization concerned with the protection of San Francisco Bay and its estuary.

Helen went to work with the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, the West Coast’s largest advocacy group for commercial salmon and crab fishing families.

Helen was PCFFA’s office “girl Friday” for 14 years where the ranks of her admirers spread from southern California to Alaska.

In 2006 Helen and Bill moved to Blue Lake, just inland from Humboldt Bay, the village where her father grew up and where Helen spent her little-girl summers with her grandmother, Sula Douarin McCahan – her beloved “Meeme.”

By this time Helen was ‘Meeme’ to five beautiful grandkids of her own, Thaddeus, Will, Emilie, Zeke and Kierie.

In addition to her grandchildren, Helen leaves behind her husband Bill, children Rob, Kathryn and Mary Claire and their spouses Sandi, Didier and Michael.

Helen would want a shout-out to the wonderful staff at Skyview Day Club where she went most weekdays for exercise, good company, singing, art and fun, as well as to the gentle home-visiting staff of Hospice by the Bay who made her last days comfortable.

The answer to why everyone loved Helen is simple - Helen loved everyone first.

OBITUARY

Ernest E. Ingraham

April 29, 1929 – Jan. 13, 2020

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear father and friend Ernest Edward Ingraham. He passed peacefully into a brave new world at the age of 90 on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020. He resided in Eureka.

Ernest was born at home in Richmond, Calif. to his proud parents Clarence E. and Laura E. Ingraham on Monday, April 29, 1929.

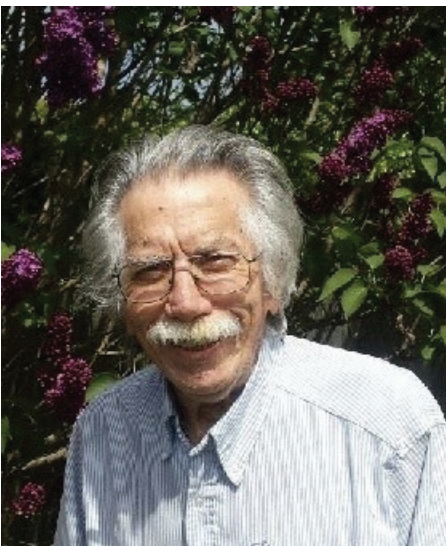
His father worked as an engineer for the Santa Fe/Topeka & Pacific Railroad. After his parents divorced, his mother relocated to Fresno, Calif., where Ernest grew up. Ernest was a studious child, preferring literature, Latin, historical research and music to sports.

Although growing up during The Depression certainly provided ample opportunity for learning at the “school of hard knocks,” his joy and love of life never waned. He recalled consuming endless onion sandwiches, stewed tomatoes and dreaded brussel sprouts or cabbage. But, he would always say, “Simple food on pretty dishes with good people makes a great meal.” Never afraid of hard work, Ernest would do any and all available odd jobs to help the family with income.

Ernest attended T. Roosevelt High School where he participated in many clubs, including the school newspaper, California Cadet Corps, choir, student government, Latin club, library volunteer and so many others, they simply can’t all be listed.

He graduated from high school in 1948 and joined the newly formed U.S. Air Force. His many travels in the Air Force fed his love of travel and led him to Europe, UK, and finally to Travis Air Force Base where he was honorably discharged. After discharge from duty, Ernest returned to Fresno where he attended Fresno State University, met his beloved wife, Joyce E. Cutter, and earned his bachelor of arts in teaching. Years later, he would attend the University of Connecticut to pursue a master’s of education.

Ernest started his illustrious career in education as a US Fulbright Scholar Educational Award Winner. He moved with his wife and infant daughter to live in the UK for several years while he taught there. While taking every moment they could to travel the UK, Ernest and Joyce also had the honor of being presented to the Queen at the High Tea given for



Fulbright Scholars. After returning from England, they moved to Monterey, Calif. where he taught elementary school. There, three more daughters were added to the family.

With his strong beliefs in civil rights and the advancement of education for all, Ernest began his long career as an educator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs after the New Indian Education/Economic Development Act was passed in the early 1960s.

So, driving a white Volkswagen bus, containing a dog, four daughters and his beautiful wife, Ernest moved his family to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona/New Mexico. In his distinguished career with the BIA and the Navajo Nation he worked to modernize the school system there. He worked as a counselor, principal, et al, finally as the assistant school superintendent.

With the utmost dedication, he also became a liaison between the Tribal Council, Dept. of Education, and Washington D.C and often traveled to those places and worked with other tribes reforming education systems on their reservations. He retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1985.

He chose to retire to Humboldt County, as he fondly had spent many long summer vacations on the North Coast as a child and remembered it as one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

Retirement was absolutely NOT for Ernest. He went to work as a social worker for the Humboldt Department of Social Services, focusing on working with the homeless population. He worked specifically on the encampment at the South Jetty, spending hours of dedication to help

find those homeless persons resources. After 15-plus years, he retired from DSS.

Again, retirement didn’t sit well with Ernest and he went to work coordinating resources and counseling persons as a case manager for the Serenity Inn/Alcohol Drug Care Services Inc. in Eureka. He worked tirelessly counseling, guiding, advising and finding helpful resources for people, whether meeting them at shelters, on the streets, in his office, in their encampments or in jail. He never stopped helping those in need and held them in great esteem.

Ernest finally stopped “officially” working in 2012, although he continued to do counseling, consultation and referral work. All in all, Mr. Ingraham was in public and human service for over 70 years of his life.

Ernest was many things to many people: a father, a husband, a beloved and loyal friend, teacher, counselor, advocate, a wonderful dancer; he was funny and charismatic, he was a flirt and charmer, a great adventurer, world traveler, an academic with a biting, saucy sense of humor, a chameleon and a storyteller.

His passions included collecting beautiful things, books, ancestry, refinishing furniture, gardening. All who loved him loved him dearly and will never forget his incredible ebullience and vitality, his tenacity, wit, charm, grace, wisdom, and caring. The world is a better place for having had Mr. Ingraham in it and we are all the better for having known him.

Ernest is preceded in death by his amazing wife of 41 years Joyce, his daughter Faith, his brother Louis, his nephew Randy. He is survived by his daughters Scarlett, Hope, Charity, deeply loved family: Amber, Thomas, John, Richard, George, Terry and his treasured nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and his dear nephew and niece.

Please join us for a Funeral Mass that will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14 at St. Bernard’s Church, 615 H St., Eureka, California. A celebration of his life will follow immediately after Mass at the church. Internment will be privately held.

In lieu of flowers, a donation would be greatly appreciated to St. Vincent De Paul Free Dining Facility at 35 West Third St., Eureka CA 95501, Alcohol/Drug Care Services, Food for People Food Pantry or to the Betty Chin Day Center.

OBITUARY

Kent Merrill



Kent Merrill passed away peacefully and unexpectedly on Nov. 26, 2019 at the age of 69.

Kent joins the love of his life, Marilyn St John, who preceded him in death in 2013. Kent was born in San Francisco, Calif. into a family with a rich history in the area.

He grew up in Los Gatos, Calif. and worked in the family business, the Holbrook Merrill Company, until it was sold in the late 1980s.

Kent and Marilyn happily lived in McKinleyville from 1999 to 2013. Kent moved to Bellingham in 2014 to be close to family.

Kent was a loving and devoted husband to Marilyn who he described as “a gem of rarest value.”

Together they enjoyed traveling the West Coast, gardening, canning food (including tuna), and spending time with family.

Kent will be lovingly remembered by his family as kind, quirky, creative, and without a doubt, one-of-a-kind. As a young adult he built a hovercraft, bought an ambulance which he proudly drove as his primary vehicle, and enjoyed remote-controlled boats and airplanes.

An extraordinary writer, his siblings will forever cherish the letters and emails (often humorous, always creative) they have received from Kent over the years.

He was an avid reader his whole life and died with a book on his lap.

Kent is preceded in death by his wife of 27 years (Marilyn St John), his parents (Lewis and Jean Merrill), his beloved mother-in-law (Frances Grandov), and his nephew (Jake Merrill).

He is survived by his four siblings, four step-children, and many nieces and nephews.

Bloomsday at Redwood Curtain

REDWOOD CURTAIN

EUREKA – In Steven Deitz’s warm-hearted play *Bloomsday*, Robert returns to Dublin to reunite with Cait, the woman who captured his heart during a tour 35 years ago.

Dancing backwards through time, the older couple retrace their steps to discover their younger selves. Through young Robbie and Caithleen, they relive the unlikely, inevitable events that brought them – only briefly – together.

This Irish time-travel love story blends wit, humor and heartache into a buoyant, moving appeal for making the most of the present before its past.

“I’ve always been intrigued by thinking about those moments in life that you make small decisions, but in hindsight you realize those small decisions completely changed the course of your life,” said Peggy Metzger, RC’s executive director. “That’s why I loved this play when I read it! What if we had the opportunity to go back and revisit those moments?”

The exceptional cast includes RC veterans Gary Sommers, Susan Abbey, William English III and RC newcomer Marguerite Rose Hockaday. Brad Harrington directs, with scenic design by Robert Pickering, lighting by Sydnee Stanton, and costumes by Laura Rhinehart.

Bloomsday previews on Thursday, Feb. 20 and Friday, Feb. 21 with \$10 tickets, and opening night with a Gala champagne reception is Saturday, Feb. 22, with tickets at \$20.

Performances continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights through March 16. Cheap date Thursdays are on Feb. 27, March 5 and March 12, with two tickets for \$20.

Sunday matinees are on March 1 and March 8. Friday Focus with cast discussion is Feb. 28. Ticket prices on Friday and Saturday (except Gala) nights, and Sunday afternoons is \$18.

Redwood Curtain is located at 220 First St. in Old Town, Eureka. The main entrance is through Snug Alley. As the theatre is intimate with only 80 seats, reservations are highly recommended, and there is no late seating. Evening performances begin promptly at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved or purchased securely online at redwoodcurtain.com.

You may also reserve tickets by emailing boxoffice@redwoodcurtain.com or calling (707) 443-7688.

FIBER ART CONTEST The Redwood Arts Association (RAA) invites fiber artists who are residents of Humboldt County to enter their original work in the upcoming Focus on Fiber 2020 Exhibition to be held at the RAA Gallery, 603 F St. in Eureka. Accepted works must be made primarily of fiber including weaving, basketry, dyeing, quilting, wearable art, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, book arts and woodworking. The event will be judged by Sondra Schwetman from HSU, and more than \$600 in prize money will be awarded. Entries are being accepted now through April 9. Information and registration are available at redwoodart.us/exhibitions.htm. (707) 268-0755, info@redwoodart.us

HEALTHCARE DOCUMENTARY Black Humboldt, Health Care for All and Physicians for a National Health Program present the documentary *The Power to Heal, Medicine and the Civil Rights Revolution* on Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Minor Theater, 1001 H St. in Arcata. The documentary is about how Medicare came to be and its historic role in desegregating American medicine. A question and answer period will follow the documentary. The suggested entry donation is \$5 to \$10. For information email healthcareforall-humboldt@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Please join us in our celebration of life of the longest serving Arcata mayor and first lady, Ward and Jean Falor on Saturday, Feb. 15. Mass in memory of Jean Falor will begin at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church, 1690 Janes Rd., Arcata, with a reception celebrating Ward and Jean’s life immediately following (at noon) in the adjacent Leavey Hall.

Professor’s legacy supports a new generation of wildlife researchers

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU — Stanley Harris, who passed at the age of 91 on Dec. 27, was a wildlife professor at Humboldt State University for 33 years. He helped build the HSU Department of Wildlife into one of the best in the country and played a big part in creating the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Professor Harris, along with his wife Lorene, who passed in 2012, were strong advocates of education and supporters of students. One way they did this was by endowing three scholarships in 2003 to support HSU Wildlife students: The Stanley W. Harris Scholarship and the Lorene J. Harris Scholarship for undergraduate students, and the Stanley W. and Lorene J. Harris Scholarship for graduate students.

Since the original creation of the Harris’ scholarships, more than 45 students have benefited—a number that grows each year as the scholarships have been set up to operate in perpetuity.

Many of the students who have benefited from the scholarships have used the funds for their research and gaining experience in the field, which Harris was a huge proponent of.

Receiving the Lorene J. Harris Scholarship allowed Sara Moriarty-Graves (2019, Wildlife) to volunteer more than 400 hours, gaining valuable experience that has made her more qualified for positions in her field. Moriarty-



HELPING STUDENTS Stanley Harris at a scholarship reception at Humboldt State University.

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ty-Graves sees the impact of Harris’s legacy beyond the funding. “He has inspired me to make lasting positive impacts for wildlife,” she said.

Adam Mohr is a Wildlife graduate student who came to HSU in part because of the department’s reputation, which Harris had a hand in building. A recipient of the Stanley W. and Lorene J. Harris Scholarship, Mohr used the funds to support his thesis work studying elk populations. The money allowed him to visit his fieldwork sites, as well as to present his findings at wildlife conferences around the country.

Mohr never got the chance to meet Harris, but says he appreciates how Harris “realized the importance of the development of

the new generation of wildlife researchers and managers.”

Harris certainly influenced new generations of wildlife researchers and managers. Michael Harris, Professor Harris’s son, saw how his father was instrumental in students’ careers “He was very committed to supporting his students, doing everything he could to be able to find them jobs later in the field,” he says.

According to Mark Colwell, an HSU Wildlife professor who counts Harris as a mentor and friend, you can find one of his pupils working in most of the federal agencies around the country. Colwell recalls how he’d often see Harris while on field trips with students at the Arcata Marsh.

Harris remained committed to

teaching students long after retirement. Will Goldenberg (2008 Wildlife Management BS, 2013 Wildlife Management MS) recalls Harris coaching him and other students for the Wildlife Conclave Quiz Bowl. “There was a lot of laughing, joking, and ‘Doc Harris’ telling stories from the old days,” he says. “We truly valued those sessions.”

Goldenberg also received the Stanley W. Harris Scholarship as an undergrad and credits it for being the springboard to his career as a wildlife cinematographer.

The funding went directly to creating a short film about shorebirds in Humboldt County, which went on to garner local and international awards. Since HSU, Goldenberg has traveled the world working with outlets such as BBC, National Geographic, and Discovery Channel through his career in the natural history film industry.

“Knowing that my film was, in part, funded by an award from Doc Harris gave a certain gravity to my work and elevated my ambitions to create a film that he would have been proud of,” says Goldenberg.

The financial support the Harris’ are providing HSU students has a major impact on the ability of students to not just fund, but focus on their studies and research.

Thanks to the funds she received from the Lorene J. Harris

Scholarship, HSU student Jaime Carlino was freed up to gain more experience researching barn owls. Carlino’s ultimate goal -- “to pursue a life dedicated to making a positive contribution to wildlife around the world through research and education” -- echoes the impact Professor Harris had on students:

Brissa Kamakaniokakai Christophersen also came to HSU because of the Department of Wildlife’s strong reputation, noting that she “immediately knew I wanted to immerse myself in it.”

As an out-of-state student coming from a low-income family, Kamakaniokakai Christophersen was struggling with food and housing security before she was awarded the Stanley W. Harris Scholarship. Receiving the scholarship helped ease this burden, and she plans to pursue a graduate degree with the goal of working for a nonprofit organization or federal agency.

Like other students, Kamakaniokakai Christophersen is grateful for Harris’s support. “I’m thankful for his investment in the future of wildlife conservation,” she said. “His legacy will live on through us.”

To honor Professor Harris, gifts can be made to the Harris’ endowed scholarships online. For more information, please contact the HSU Foundation at (707) 826-5200 or giving@humboldt.edu.

Mad Scramble in BL

February is in full swing already. How did that happen so fast? Don’t blink Blue Lake, soon it’ll be March!

There are some events and activities that are coming up that you may want to make sure is on your calendar!

First of all, the Troll under the Bridge writing contest held with the City of Blue Lake and the third and fourth grade students of Blue Lake Elementary is officially over. The winners will be announced on Feb. 14! Once I know who the winners are, I hope to do a special article just for them. Paradise Cay, a local Blue Lake publishing business, will be creating a book of all the students’ stories too! How fun is that?

If you don’t have plans this coming Valentines Day, go to the Logger Bar! Darcey is whipping up a special Valentines dinner, menu still not posted at the time of this article submission. This will be on Friday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Dr. Cost is \$20/plate and apparently, after dinner, Eyes Anonymous will be playing break-up songs and cheesy love songs, so stay later for the music!

The annual Mad Scramble, which is a benefit for the Friends of the Annie and Mary Rail Trail, is this Saturday, Feb. 15! There will be two timed races, a 30 min and 60 min race, with a special kid race in between.

Registration opens the day of the race a 9 a.m. with the first race starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the timed races. Check in on Monda Way next to Jewell Distillery. Don’t want to race? Come join in the fun and watch as riders go over humps, through obstacles, and tackle the Mad Scramble across the finish line! Check out the Friends of the Annie & Mary Rail Trail Facebook page for more information.

Looking ahead, we have another awesome musical event at the Logger Bar. Mark your calendars for Georgia Ruth and the Reverie on Friday, Feb. 2 from 9 p.m. to 1 minute before midnight! There’s no cover charge, so come on down!



And now for my usual plug of local service. Our town is incredibly lucky to have so many dedicated elected and appointed officials who care about what happens and how it happens.

We have not only our local government in the form of a City Council, but we have four commissions that members of Blue Lake and the sphere of influence participate in. These are members of the community who give feedback and recommendations to the council for direction and legislation.

All of these folks are people like you and me. Some have special skills or interests, which is why they are on these commissions, but all have a love for this town and want to make Blue Lake amazing.

Maybe you have that interest too, but don’t know how to get started? There are several vacancies on the advisory commissions – Economic Development Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission – all with two-year terms.

There are going to be a few openings in July on the Planning Commission, a quasi-judicial commission with some guidelines set forth by the state. The Planning Commission looks at zoning, development, and other planning needs of the city.

Since the Planning Commission terms won’t be available until July, you have time to come to a Planning Commission meeting (third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Skinner Store) to find out more about what this commission does. And finally, this is an election year.

There will be a couple of openings on the City Council. This is an amazing opportunity for anyone in our town! The nomination period won’t be until this summer, so again, this is a great time to come to meetings, check out what the Council does and how local government works. This could be your next exciting opportunity!!

That’s all for now, but keep your eyes peeled... Blue Lake events spring up like wildflowers!

The HUM | Silent Disco in Jacoby’s Storehouse

❖ **FROM A1**

ute some photos to help start “conversation,” but I’ve been overly busy with other projects and, frankly, I lagged. Then there was a chat with **Gillen Martin**, who’s working for the City of Arcata on art matters. (Remember her from the **Laurel Skye Project**?) She showed up at the **20/20 Vision Photo Show** at the Graves (one of the projects that distracted me) and spoke about working with the Playhouse folks and the Sanctuary peeps doing signage “and more” for “Arcata.”

Personally, I would like to see my city take a far more active role in cultural promotion and coordination, but only if the planning part doesn’t get unwieldy with committees and task forces and meeting after meeting where nothing gets done. It could potentially take months to decide, for example, whether we really need an exclamation mark in the middle of Arts! Arcata. Anyway, I promised I would help with the arts initiative, and I will — when I get time.

And speaking of cultural affairs. Near to the Sanctuary, at the Vets Hall, the **February Folklife Barn Dance** is that same Friday, Valentine’s Day, with the usual crew: Caller **Lyndsey Battle** teaching (square) dances and **Striped Pig Stringband** playing the tunes. “This is a family-friendly, community event and all are welcome. No experience or partner needed. Snacks and refreshments available.” Doors at 6:30, dancing at 7 p.m. Reduced price admission for Humboldt Folklife Society and Arcata Playhouse members, and get this: seniors, students, veterans and children 12 and under all FREE. Hey, that includes me!

Also part of Arts! Arcata, my friend **Tommy**

Hernandez of Homeboldt@ has The Jacoby **Silent Disco** starting at 6 p.m. at his place in the lobby of the Jacoby Storehouse, with **Goldyllocks, The Middle Agent** and **Blancatron** providing electro-dance music.

If you’ve never experienced silent disco before, you borrow headphones and the dance music goes straight into your ears without disturbing the neighbors. As Tommy puts it, “Let’s get down and not make a scene!!!”

In the past, the headphones have offered a choice of channels, so you can toggle between sounds. I suggested adding an ambient channel (with me as curator) using music in the quiet side from my son’s band **Visible Cloaks**, plus his Grammy-nominated album **Kankyō Ongaku** and tracks from the associated three Japanese albums reissued by his label, Empire of Signs. Tommy wasn’t planning on a second channel, but he loved the idea, and if he can work out the tech side, you may hear the first mix from DJ Bob.

Downstairs in the Basement that A!A night (at 8 p.m.) they have **Planet Four**. Who dat? I’m not sure, and the Basement p.r. doesn’t say much.

A little research showed me my old friend **Andrew Barnett** is involved. He’s the leader of the **Garberville Town Band** and trumpet player for Latin Peppers, and since he was also heavily involved in Planet Humboldt, last year’s colloquium celebrating **Alexander von Humboldt** 250th birthday, well, my educated guess says it’s a Humboldt-inspired jazz quartet, or whatever. Also at the Basement that weekend, “**A Night of Hip Hop**” Wednesday (Feb. 12) with unknown participants, guitarist **Duncan Burgess**

fronting a trio on Thursday (Feb. 13), and on Saturday, blues and jazz with **Moon Segue with Lizzy** on vocals.

Out in Blue Lake at the Blue Lake Casino’s Sapphire Palace, it’s a Valentine’s Day special with **The Killer Queens**, allegedly “the world’s only all-female tribute to Queen evoking all the glam, sparkle, power, and soaring melodies of Freddie” and co. “at the height of their musical and commercial dominance.” They will, they will, rock you.

In the Wave Lounge Friday, they have rockers from Redding, **The Stone Hearts**. Saturday, it’s **Joel: The Band**, with a tribute to Billy Joel. (Why not?)

At HumBrews Saturday, Feb. 15, we have “legendary blues and soul giant” **Tommy Castro and The Painkillers** with former local **Michael Emerson** on keys and the pain-killing rhythm section: **Randy McDonald** on bass, **Bowen Brown** on drums. The event listing says the start time is 8 p.m. and it could sell out, so be there early, whatever that means.

They have a “**Valentines Day Weekend Dance Party**” at the Historic Eagle House on Saturday (after V-Day, but whatever) with **Love Bomb GoGo** and **The Bayou Swamis**.

The invite suggests, “Get your New Orleans vibes on with these very different, but equally entertaining bands that bring in the NOLA flair as we roll towards Mardi Gras!” Well, you know the Cajun vibe of the Swamis. **Love Bomb GoGo** is a PDX-based “Intergalactic Ensemble Of Mysterious Origins,” offering “genre-smashing horn-driven intergalactic glam,” which kinda sounds like their PDX neighbors **March Fourth**. Doors at 8 p.m. Show runs 9-midnight.

A reminder, the Logger has a busy Valentine’s weekend with **Darcey’s Special Valentine’s Day Dinner** Feb. 14, 5-7 p.m. and ’80s tunes by **Eyes Anonymous** at 9. Then on Saturday (Feb. 15), “See two husband and wife rock duos, Ralph & Claire from Arcata, and Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes from Eureka, two lover bands makin’ music you’ll love! FREE!”

At the Miniplex Saturday, they have “Australian heavy-psych sisters” **Stonefield** on tour with L.A.’s **Hooveriii**. Doors at 9 p.m. They’re cool.

At the Van Duzer, CenterArts presents Brazilian dance troupe, **Grupo Corpo**, “joining modern movement with the complexity of Afro-Brazilian dance.” Showtime 8 p.m.

Raconteur extraordinaire **David Sedaris** is coming to HSU — again. I guess he couldn’t land last time, as a result, they rescheduled his night at the Van Duzer for Sunday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. I’m guessing it’s sold out, but you never can tell, and there’s always that miracle ticket.

Monday at the Miniplex, 9 p.m. it’s an alt. tour with Ezra Furman and Kelley Stoltz, two cool musicians who I have the time and space to discuss, because, well, relativity and all that.

Yes, it’s time to go, and I am often a space case. Adios...

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Audubon banquet

REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
ARCATA – Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Feb. 29, for this year’s Annual Banquet and Silent Auction featuring a presentation titled “Reflections From the Field, or How the Hobby of Birding has Changed Over the Past Forty Years” with Dr. Thomas Schulenberg, research associate with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.
The banquet will be held at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 13th and D streets in Arcata. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Dr. Schulenberg’s

program right after dinner.
Schulenberg describes himself and his work this way, “I’ve been a birder since childhood and I’ve been lucky enough to have conducted field research on birds on three continents. This may have advanced science in some small ways, but it definitely made large contributions to my store of birding adventures. My experiences in South America in particular enabled me to contribute to the field guide to the *Birds of Peru*, Princeton 2007. I have bounced around a bit, with stints in Humboldt, California, where I graduated with a degree in biology, Baton Rouge, where I attended

Louisiana State University where I first had the opportunity to visit South America. I later moved north to Chicago (University of Chicago and Field Museum of Natural History), from which base I worked in South America and Madagascar. Presently I am at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York, where I manage the taxonomy and nomenclature for all projects at the Lab, including e-Bird (i.e., your life-lists are in my hands), and I am part of a team that produces comprehensive accounts on the biology for every bird species (the new Birds of the World website).”
A delicious gourmet menu including

meat and veggie options will be catered by Gary Friedrichsen.
Ticket price is \$35 until Feb. 23. After that the price will be \$50. To make reservations, send a check made out to RRAS to P.O. Box 1054, Eureka, CA 95502, email gary@jacobyecreek.net with ‘Banquet’ in the subject line, or call (707) 496-6581.
The last day to make reservations is Feb. 27.
If you have items you would like to donate to the silent auction, including books, paintings, collector items, etc., please call Hal Genger at (707) 499-0887 or email hal.genger@humboldt.edu.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DERALD ARNIE TAGGART, aka DERALD TAGGART
CASE NO.: PR2000018
To all heirs, beneficiaries,

creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
DERALD ARNIE TAGGART, aka DERALD A. TAGGART, aka DERALD TAGGART
Petition for Probate has been filed by: WILLIAM TAGGART in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: WILLIAM TAGGART be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: FEB. 20, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: SOLEN CASHMAN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: DR180837
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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right

away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): LAW OFFICES OF JAY W. SMITH, JAY W. SMITH ESQ. SBN150113, and NANCY A. YOUNG ESQ. SBN. 183328 6644 VALJEAN AVE. #200 VAN NUYS, CA 91406 (T) 818-709-2566 (F) 818-709-2513 Kim L. Bartleson, Clerk, by Shayla B., Deputy Dated NOV. 29, 2018 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of February, 2020 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:
North Coast Repertory Theater – costumes, lamp, costume accessories
Joan Martien – boxes, chairs, door, pictures, art
Charles Bruzza – grow equipment, Skill Saw, nightstand, art, balasts, tubs
Ashley Bartlett – crib, bed stuffed animals, TV trays, suitcase, boxes, clothes, recliner
Lisa Cadwell – neon signs, chairs, cash registers, pizza ovens, tap handles
The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation

in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.
2/12, 2/19

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1523
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on February 5, 2020, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1523, summarized below. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Prezonation Properties at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1523 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: Omelas. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1526
This ordinance codifies the City’s Policy on Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Non-Payment to implement the Water Shutoff Protection Act, Senate Bill 998 (Health and Safety Code section 11690, et seq.).
The full text of Ordinance No. 1526 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance takes effect immediately BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: February 5, 2020.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 2/12

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1527
I hereby certify that at an adjourned special meeting held on January 21, 2020, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1527, summarized below. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Chapter 3.5 of Title V of the Arcata Municipal Code, to Establish Regulations Related to Single-Use Disposable Foodware Items and Plastic Bottle Restrictions, Title V—Sanitation and Health, Chapter 3.5—Waste Reduction, at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Ordinance No. 1527 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meeting held on February 5, 2020, by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: Omelas. ABSTENTIONS: None.
APPROVED: Michael Winkler, Mayor, City of Arcata. ATTEST: Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1527
This ordinance requires all single-use disposable foodware (e.g., takeout containers) to be fiber-based, readily decomposable, and be free of petroleum and biologically based plastics. Additionally, it requires businesses to provide accessory disposable foodware items (straws, stir sticks, napkins, condiment cups, cup sleeves, etc.) only upon request; use reusable foodware for on-site dining; charge customers a 25-cent fee for single-use disposable foodware; and provide a 25-cent discount for customers providing their own reusable takeout foodware. Further, the ordinance prohibits the sale or distribution of single-use plastic bottled beverages less than 21 ounces in size at any activity held at City property for which a City special events permit has been issued.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1527 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect March 6, 2020, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: February 5, 2020.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 2/12

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1528
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on February 5, 2020, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1528, summarized below. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Designating the Chapman House a Historic Landmark, at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1528 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: Omelas. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1528
If adopted, this ordinance will designate the Chapman House at 974 10th Street, Arcata, as a City of Arcata Historic Landmark.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1528 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1528 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on February 19, 2020, and, if adopted at that time, will take effect March 20, 2020.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 2/12

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1529
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on February 5, 2020, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1529, summarized below. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Article 9 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) and Article 11 (Stopping, Standing or Parking Restricted or Prohibited on Certain Streets) of Chapter 2 (Traffic Regulations), Title III (Public Safety) of the Arcata Municipal Code to Revise Timed Parking and Parking Meter Zone Regulations at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1529 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: Omelas. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1529
If adopted, this ordinance will amend the City’s parking regulations to remove the language “except . . . when Humboldt State University is not in session” thereby changing enforcement of parking regulations to year round except Sundays and holidays or otherwise specified. Additional amendments include specifying parking meter zones and rates, and combining sections designating timed parking limits into one section titled “Limited Timed Parking.”
The full text of Ordinance No. 1529 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1529 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on February 19, 2020, and, if adopted at that time, will take effect March 20, 2020.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 2/12

WASP RESEARCH The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites the public to “Updated research into gall wasps (Cynipidae) in Northern California,” by Dr. John DeMartini, Humboldt State University professor emeritus, today, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bay-side Rd. in Arcata. The tiny gentle wasps of the family Cynipidae produce galls on roses, thimbleberry, oaks, tan oak and chinquapin. In a presentation six years ago, DeMartini only covered oaks, but this evening he will add new findings about the life histories of these wasps on other woody plants. Doors open at 7 p.m. for snacks, sales and socializing. The North Coast Chapter of CNPS offers free public programs on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. (707) 822-2015, northcoastcnps.org

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Lynn Jones at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on history and/or plants of the marsh. Loaner binoculars available

with photo ID. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

CONSERVATION MEETING Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, at noon at Rita’s Margaritas and Mexican Grill, 1111 Fifth St., Eureka. Call (707) 445-8311 for more information.

HUNT FOR RED Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Friday, Feb. 14, and “Hunt for Red.” Show your love for birds this Valentine’s Day by searching

for birds with red in their name or as part of their coloration. Honorable mention will be given in our publications to the person with the most relevant species and the person with the most individuals counted. Birds to be on the lookout for include: Redhead, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-winged Blackbird, Red-shafted Northern Flicker, woodpeckers, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Eared Grebe, Short-eared Owl and Black-crowned Night-Heron (red eyes). No geographical area restrictions; just get out and bird! To participate, please email your results (or a link to

your eBird list) to Melissa at learnbybirding@icloud.com no later than Sunday, Feb. 16.

BIRDING AT THE MARSH Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 15. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Gary Friedrichsen in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

EUREKA WATERFRONT TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Sunday, Feb. 16, on a field trip to the Eureka Waterfront. Meet at 9 a.m. by the concrete fishing pier at the foot of West Del Norte Street, and scope for birds off the public dock for a bit, then continue along the waterfront and Hikshari’ Trail towards Elk River. For more information, contact leader Ralph Bucher via text/message at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com.

FLYWAY CONCEPT The Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Lecture Series continues on Wednesday, Feb., 19 with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and lecture at 7 p.m. at the zoo, located at 3414 West St. in Eureka. Mark Colwell, Humboldt State University Department of Wildlife and SPZ grant recipient, will present “Shorebird Surveys Highlight Conservation Importance of Humboldt Bay.” The Flyway Concept underpins conservation strategies for migratory birds. For shorebirds along the Pacific Americas Flyway, Humboldt Bay is a vital link for populations moving between northern breeding areas and wintering sites.

MARSH TOUR On Friday, Feb. 21, Pete Haggard will enlighten us about his several years of volunteer work to create a native plant garden in front of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. The focus of the garden is coastal habitat species, using plants naturally there, donations from Lost Foods at Redwood Acres, and specimens from Pete’s personal garden in Fieldbrook. According to former city naturalist Gretchen O’Brien, Haggard was involved in the conceptual meeting to create the garden, held in spring 2017, and the effort started with the two of them removing non-native plants from the area. Haggard will discuss the species of plants there and what critters they attract. This free public lecture, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, is sponsored by FOAM. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees, on a first-come, first-served basis. (707) 826-2359.



TRAIL STEWARDS Three HSU student groups – Natural Resources Club, Women’s Frisbee and the Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority – joined long-time neighbors and other volunteers on Feb. 1 to help clean up the Hammond Trail near the Hiller Park area in McKinleyville. A project of the Humboldt Trails Council, Volunteer Trail Stewards meet the first Saturday of each month at changing locations on the Hammond Trail. To receive the email invitation identifying the next month’s meeting location, contact Stacy at sbecker@reninet.com. For more information on the 11 Trail Stewards regional projects, go to humtrails.org. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Scouts are out selling their yummy cookies

GIRL SCOUTS HUMBOLDT – It’s that special time of year when Girl Scouts are out and about selling their famous tasty cookies to raise funds for their activities, camps and service projects.

Monday, Feb. 10 was “Go Day” for cookie sales and Humboldt residents will start to see Girl Scout cookie booths in front of a variety of local businesses that support their entrepreneurial efforts.

Pacific Union School saw Girl Scouts from Crescent City to Ferndale come to participate in an area-wide Cookie Rally on Jan. 26. Girls were able to taste the product they are selling, learn money handling skills, develop their digital cookie websites, and run a product obstacle course among other fun activities.

This year’s cookie line up has one change: the Savannah Smiles lemon cookie has been replaced by the Lemon-Up cookie. Re-



GIRL SCOUTS Cadette Girl Scouts Amira, Trinity and Lila show off the cookies available for tasting at the recent Cookie Rally held at Pacific Union School. SUBMITTED PHOTO

freshly tart, this cookie will satisfy anyone with a preference for lemon.

The most popular cookies, Thin Mints and Samoas will be available in abundance along with the peanut-butter based Tag-along and crunchy Do-Si-Do cookies.

There is also a free Cookie Finder app that can be downloaded to any mobile device from the App Store.

Just press “Find Cookies Now!” and it will direct you to the locations with active booths selling the tasty treats.

Stock-up while you can. Last day for public sales is March 15.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or learning more about Girl Scouts, call the Eureka Program Office at (707) 443-6641, ext. 3006.

For Rufus, everything is his favorite thing

Remember Rufus? He was at the shelter looking for a foster so that he could be treated for heartworms.

Rufus found a great foster home and has had his treatment. Now that he is all better he is looking for that forever home.

Two-year-old Rufus is a great dog – every day is a happy day for him! He has a lot of favorite things and is quite a model representative for the Dog Diaries.

Riding in the car – my favorite! Playing at the dog park – my favorite! Playing in the water (even baths!) – my favorite!

Breakfast – my favorite! Dinner – my favorite! You get the idea.

Rufus is a gentle guy and has been great with people of all ages. He has learned many obedience directions including sit, down, and stay. His perfect placement

would be a home with another dog to play with and a family to love him. He is a social guy and is not looking for a home where he’ll be left all alone for long hours each day.

His foster parents love him dearly but are retired and don’t feel that they can give him the life a young and social dog might need.

They did also mention that Rufus has done well at doggy day care and made lots of friends with both the staff and the other dogs, though a home with one or more other dogs would satisfy that part of his personality.

Rufus is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped



and is available through the shelter, though he is staying at his foster home until his placement.

To meet Rufus or for more information, please contact the shelter at (707) 840-9132 or contact Redwood Pals at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com.

The shelter’s longest resident, the beautiful 2-year-old Jethro, has been featured here before. He recently had the opportunity to go to a new home but was back at the shelter a day or two later.

What did Jethro do to be brought back, you ask? Her cat took a dislike to Jethro and was actually chasing and bullying him! Jethro had been a model citizen and the adopter cried when she returned him.

We know that the right home is still waiting. Meanwhile, Jethro had a lovely outing with a shelter volunteer and enjoyed a walk around Trinidad Head and a stroll on the beach.

She pronounced him “absolutely amazing” and said he was good in the car and great with all the people and dogs that they met on the trail.

Interested in this great dog? Stop by the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. The shelter is open Monday through Friday. More information is at (707) 840-9132.

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